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Smaller Guildhall plans are agreed

Abingdon's pensioner party is a hit



ABOUT 75 pensioners gathered at an Abingdon community centre for the Mayor of Abingdon's over 70s party on Friday.

Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood pitched in to serve out

sandwiches, tea and cake, before a performance of a short traditional Christmas play by the Abingdon Mummers.

Mayor of Abingdon Helen Pighills hosted the event at

Preston Road Community Centre and handed out party bags of alcohol and chocolate. Ms Blackwood said: "It was great fun."

"Each year the Christmas Party is recognised as a fan-

tastic community event."

The party, which also had a raffle, was paid for by money raised from the mayor's quiz night held in October and is an annual tradition held around Christmas time.

SCALED back plans for a £2 million redevelopment of Abingdon's Guildhall with a new café, bar, outdoor square and pop up cinema were approved by town leaders on Tuesday night.

The Guildhall closed for preparation work in August, and the revamp is due to be fully completed by May 2017.

Revised plans were approved at a special meeting of Abingdon Town Council in the Guildhall.

The altered designs have scrapped proposals for a cinema extension, delayed plans for a lift to be installed to the bar level, reduced plans for a glass foyer extension, and dropped plans to convert space into community rooms.

Leader of Abingdon Town Council Sandy Lovatt said: "Let's get on with it."

By Alex Ballinger

"We've got to modernise the Guildhall at least in part."

"Hopefully it will bring people back. It will be a different beast from what people are used to."

"Let's make it the central hub of the town."

Initial designs which included a 100-seat cinema showing blockbusters and independent films would have cost £4.4m, but they had to be scrapped because a bid for £2m grant funding was rejected.

For the cinema plan to go ahead cinema operators wanted to take over management of the building, a move the council vetoed.

Chairman of the town council's

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Victim stabbed on his wife's birthday

AN INQUEST into the death of an Oxford dad-of-two stabbed in Abingdon's Poundland opened at Oxfordshire Coroners' Court yesterday.

It revealed antiques dealer Justin Skrebowski was stabbed in the back and died on his wife's birthday.

The 61-year-old, of Buckler Road in Sunnymead, was a customer in the Bury Street bargain store when he was attacked last Monday in front of horrified shoppers.

Witnesses described the attacker grabbing knives off a shelf before stabbing Mr Skrebowski.

Abingdon and Oxford West MP Nicola Blackwood spoke in Parliament yesterday calling for tighter controls on offensive weapons in shops.

She said: "The tragic stabbing in Abingdon Poundland last week has shocked local residents.

"I'm sure the whole house will want to join me in sending out condolences to the family of the father-of-two.

"Does the Prime Minister now agree it's time for Government and retailers to work together to make it more difficult for offenders to get hold of offensive weapons?"

Prime Minister David Cam-

By Alex Ballinger and Loughlan Campbell

eron responded: "I was very shocked by what happened in Abingdon and my heart goes out to the family of those who suffered.

"I think she's right to ask the question about offensive weapons and how available they are, and I'm very happy to look at that."

Trevor Joyce, 36, of Franklyn Close, Abingdon, was charged last Tuesday with murder and appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

A statement, released on behalf of Mr Skrebowski's family, read: "On Monday, December 7, our beloved Justin Skrebowski was killed in Abingdon.

"He was an optimistic and forward looking man, a deeply caring husband and a very proud and loving father to his children.

"It seems very hard that such a kind and caring individual should be snatched away from his family and friends in such a terrible way.

"The family greatly appreciates all the concern and sympathy expressed by the public and the media. As we are all in deep shock and distress, we would now appreciate a quiet period of mourning."



Police outside the Charter car park near Bury Street

Mr Skrebowski died on the 39th birthday of his wife Gulsen Alkan.

An inquest into his death was opened by Oxfordshire Coroner Darren Salter in New Road yesterday.

Mr Salter said: "On Monday, December 7, he was stabbed while in Poundland in Abingdon.

"Sadly he died at the scene.

"Mr Skrebowski was shopping in Poundland when the victim was seen to be stabbed in the back and fall to the floor."

A post mortem gave a preliminary cause of death was a haemorrhage due to being stabbed in the pelvis.

Two witnesses inside the shop, who asked not to be named, described the attacker shouting and swearing as he seized two knives from a shelf.

He then allegedly said: 'You got what you deserve' and

attacked Mr Skrebowski, before leaving and waving a knife in the face of an elderly man sitting on a bench outside the shop.

Flowers were left in tribute to Mr Skrebowski outside Poundland.

Joyce spoke only to confirm his name at Oxford Crown Court on Friday. He appeared by video link from Bullingdon Prison near Bicester during a short hearing at 10am.

He was wearing a green and grey tracksuit and responded 'yes' to verify his name.

A plea and case management hearing was earmarked for March 7 at Oxford Crown Court.

If the case goes to trial a five-day trial was pencilled in to start on June 6.

Thames Valley Police announced on Friday that it had voluntarily referred itself to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) following the incident because it had recent contact with someone involved in the case and is awaiting the IPCC's decision.

News Bites

Rhino cameras

UPPER HEYFORD: Micro cameras are to be fitted to rhino horns in Africa in a project supported by an Oxfordshire firm to catch poachers.

Emerald Cube, in Cherwell Innovation Centre, Upper Heyford, is helping develop technology to be attached to endangered animals.

The scheme, announced by the internet and video inspection business yesterday, aims to combat poaching.

Christmas waste

OXON: Over the Christmas period residents are being asked to make use of leftover meals rather than throwing them away.

Oxfordshire County Council is backing the Love Food Hate Waste campaign, which suggests recipes for leftovers and gives advice and information on waste.

The council is also encouraging people to dispose of food waste properly using food waste caddys. Visit england.lovefoodhatewaste.com for recipes and advice.

Body found

ABINGDON: A 96-year-old man was found in his home near Abingdon after a milkman discovered a note on the front door saying a dead person was inside.

The inquest opening held at Oxfordshire Coroner's Court yesterday heard Arthur Sprigg was found in his house at Gozards Ford on December 12.

Oxfordshire Coroner Darren Salter said: "Notes were found at the bed which suggested he'd taken his own life." A full inquest is to be held on April 13.

Teenager attacked by two men at Morrisons

AN 18-YEAR-OLD was assaulted by two men in Carterton after they accused him of kicking their car.

The incident happened at around 1pm on December 6 on a service road leading from Black Bourton Road into Morrisons car park.

The two offenders were seen getting out of a small silver car and pushing and punching the victim before members of the public intervened and called the police.

Part of the car's registration is X692.

The victim sustained bruising and swelling to his eye and top lip.

Both offenders are white and one was aged between 29 and 35, 6ft 2ins tall, slim, with short dark hair.

He wore dark trousers with a dark hooded top and spoke with a northern accent.

His accomplice was the driver of the car and was aged between 29 and 35 years old.

He was shorter and stockier, he had short blond hair and was possibly wearing a white and red t-shirt, and also spoke with a northern accent.

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13-year-old arsonist guilty of barn blaze

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy from Abingdon pleaded guilty to causing £80,000 worth of damage after starting a barn fire near Wantage.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to the arson in East Hanney at Oxford Youth Court last Wednesday.

He was sentenced to a 12-month referral order and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge for setting alight the barn in Steventon Road on October 30.

By **Alex Ballinger**

The fire engulfed 100 tonnes of straw and shut the road overnight.

Thames Valley Police's investigating officer, PC Mark Allmond, said: "This conviction brings some closure to the victim who suffered a substantial loss to property and his livelihood."

"The police and the fire service worked closely together to achieve a positive outcome for this rural crime."

"I hope this case sends out a clear message to anyone who commits such crime that we will investigate and work with the Crown Prosecution Service to bring offenders to justice."

The boy set fire to the barn at about 5pm and was arrested the next day.

He was charged on November 20.

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Fire engines from Abingdon, Wantage and Didcot were called to the fire as well as a specialist water carrying vehicle from Wheatley.

After around 30 minutes the fire was brought under control and was prevented from spreading further.

Speaking at the time station manager Graham Turner said: "This was a large barn containing approximately 100 tonnes of straw which was fully engulfed in fire."

"Thames Valley Fire Control Service received numerous 999 calls from the public as it could be seen for some miles."



• The barn fire

Plans to revive historic Guildhall are approved

• From front page

Guildhall committee, Dennis Garrett, said: "We can't do everything we'd like."

"There's nothing major we can't do, but some of the bells and whistles we held back on because of the money."

Cllr Garrett added a lift for disabled access to the second floor would be installed when the money is available.

Instead of a cinema extension a pop up cinema with a projector, pull down screen and fold out seating is to be installed in Abbey Hall.

The designs are now due to be submitted to Vale of White Horse District Council's planning department.

Guildhall committee member Neil Fawcett said: "It's been very positive. I think there's a consensus that the previous proposals were too big."

"In recent years hire costs went up, but with a space like this you're never going to make

a profit. The aim is to get as much usage out of it as possible."

The town council took over ownership of the Guildhall on April 1, 2011, for £1 from the Vale of White Horse District Council.

The district council also gave £1.2m for the building to be refurbished in a bid to safeguard its future and reverse declining user numbers.

The Guildhall has five function rooms of various sizes, parts of which date back to the 1400s, including the Roysse Room which has been used since 1440.

A modernised extension was built in 1966 towards Abbey Close including Abbey Hall - the largest function room with a stage and for theatre productions.

The historic part of the Guildhall could be open next August before work is fully finished in May 2017.

News Bites

Burglary CCTV



• The CCTV

ABINGDON: Police released images on Friday of two men they want to speak to after a burglary on Saturday, November 28.

At around 5am offenders forced entry into Lloyds Pharmacy at Peachcroft Shopping Centre in Lindsay Drive.

They then smashed a pane of glass in a cabinet and stole drugs including Diazepam, and perfume.

Anyone with information is asked to call Thames Valley Police on 101.

Plans approved

SUTTON COURTENAY: Plans for 195 homes to be built in the village were approved by Vale of White Horse District Council last week.

Outline plans for the development south of Appleford Road were approved in principle in April 2013, but the reserved matters application still had to be passed for the build to go ahead.

The council's planning committee granted the application at The Beacon in Wantage.

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New plaque tribute to RAF pilots killed

A PLAQUE has been dedicated to two RAF Benson officers who lost their lives in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in October.

Alan Scott, 32, known as Scotty, and Geraint Roberts, 44, known as Roly, were among five killed when their UK Puma MK two crashed while landing at NATO's Resolute Support mission headquarters in Kabul on October 11.

The plaque was unveiled and a ceremony was held at NATO's headquarters in Kabul on Monday where the helicopter crashed.

The wife of Lieutenant Scott, Lisa Scott, said on Facebook: "Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart."



Residents vote in favour of increasing council tax

MORE than three-quarters of Oxfordshire residents have voted in favour of increasing council tax in an online poll by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

Results of the poll, published last Thursday, show 78 per cent of people would be in favour of upping tax to save services.

The survey was taken as part of a public consultation, called Talking Oxfordshire, in which the public were asked their thoughts on cuts of around £50 million to be made by the council by 2020.

This would be on top of the £290m the council is cutting by 2018.

Calls were made by county councillors in October this year for a referendum giving residents the chance to combat cuts by raising council tax.

The council received 549 online responses in the poll.

Of the 78 per who voted to

By **Loughlan Campbell**

increase tax, 22 per cent said it should be increased by about 10 per cent.

Cllr Lynda Atkins, who represents Wallingford, was one of the councillors calling for the referendum.

She said: "The results show that there is quite a lot of support for a rise."

"It didn't come as a surprise to me at all and I think this is already making a few waves at the council as it's highlighting the importance of these services we could be losing."

The £50m cuts could mean Oxfordshire's 44 children's centres and seven early intervention hubs could close, as well as the county's recycling centres.

But Cllr Atkins warned while the polls show an increase in support for council tax, it would be trickier to predict if people would vote for it in a ballot booth.

She said: "What residents decide to do when they're actually voting is going to be very different."

Whitehall legislation states if local governments want to increase council tax by two per cent or more they need to hold a local referendum.

Labour county councillor Liz Brighthouse called for a referendum in a motion at the county council in November.

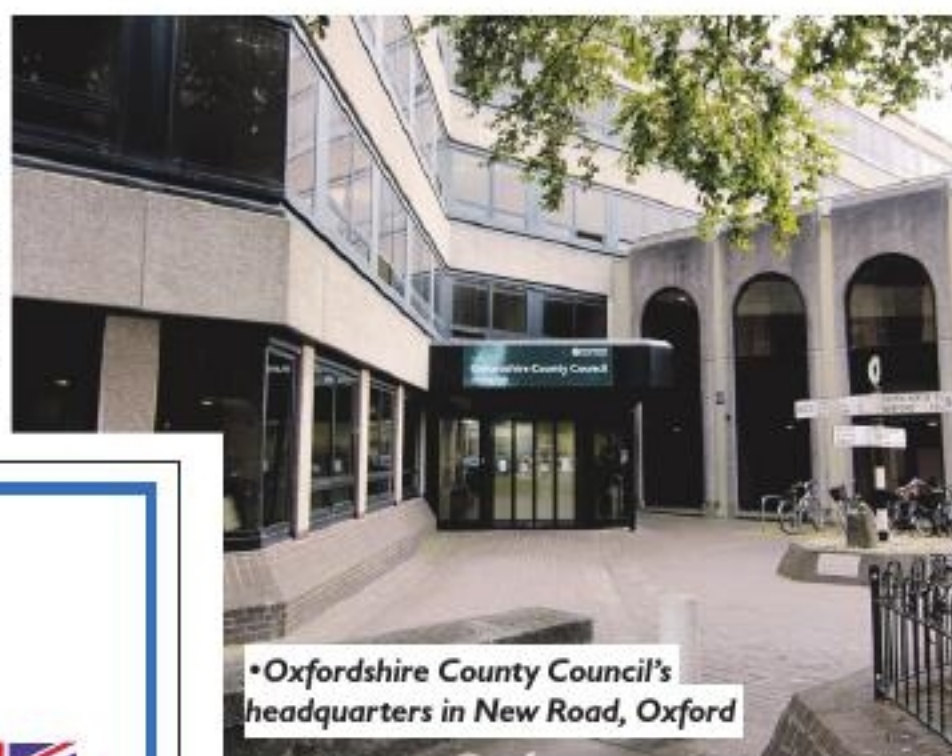
Cllr Brighthouse was pleased with the outcome of the poll, but said she is 'disappointed' by the fact that only 549 responses to

the poll were received, despite the full online consultation receiving 3,361 responses.

She said: "The fact that only a small number responded to that question is extremely disappointing. It's sad that many didn't answer what was a fundamental question."

Holding an Oxfordshire-wide referendum could cost the council £600,000 to £800,000.

The county council are set to discuss the results of the poll and consultation before the budget for next year is decided at full council in February.



Oxfordshire County Council's headquarters in New Road, Oxford

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Design guide

WEST OXON: The second round of public consultation on the West Oxfordshire design guide is open until January 22.

The guide aims to set out how the character of the district can be preserved through new developments and will update the existing 2006 guide.

Comments can be made on the design guide through westoxon.gov.uk.

Literary festival

OXFORD: The lineup of the FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival 2016 has been announced.

The festival will take place across Oxford from April 2 until April 10.

Children's author Jacqueline Wilson, comedian David Baddiel and TV personality Julian Clary will host events, amongst others.

Drugs service

DIDCOT: A drug and alcohol service has been hailed a success after first being launched in April.

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Sheltered housing

OXFORD: A new £19.4 million housing scheme for older people was opened by Oxford East MP Andrew Smith on Friday.

The sheltered housing with 49 flats in Marston village is owned by Oxford City Council for people over 55.

Each flat has level access showers and CCTV for residents to see who is at their door through their TV.

MP's solo song

OXON: Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood performed a solo rendition of 'Silent Night' in Westminster on Tuesday.

The carol concert was held at St Margaret's Church as one of a series to raise money for the Hands Up Foundation and Christian Aid who are involved in aid relief in Syria.

TVP 'good' rating

OXON: Thames Valley Police has been rated 'good' for protecting and supporting vulnerable people, a report ruled on Tuesday.

The report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary found the force makes make vulnerable people a high priority.

It was also found to invest in training and investigation resources to improve services.

Oxford's two new hotels in 24 hours

TWO new hotels costing £17.5 million opened in Oxford within 24 hours of one another this week.

Travelodge's £5.5m hotel in Abingdon Road next to Redbridge Park and Ride opened to the public on Monday.

It was swiftly followed by the launch of the new £12m Hampton by Hilton hotel at the Kassam Stadium in Greater Leys on Tuesday.

The Travelodge has 83 beds and 25 full-time and part-time staff while the Hampton hotel

By **Loughlan Campbell**

has 103 beds and the same number of staff.

The Hampton had its grand opening on Tuesday, but Travelodge spokesman Nick Dines said their hotel's unveiling was a 'soft launch' ahead of an official opening next month.

He said: "We are delighted that our Oxford Abingdon Road hotel is open in time for Christmas and will enable people to stay near relatives over the festive period."

Plans for the hotel had previously been rejected on two occasions by Oxford City Council due to the building's size, but they were approved a third time in May.

The Hampton is run by Firoka Ltd, which is owned by Oxford United's former chairman Firoz Kassam.

The Hilton's manager Arun Kumar, said: "It's great to be open following the development work and we're now looking forward to welcoming guests to this fantastic new hotel."

"For Hilton to be opening its first hotel in Oxford is also a great reflection on the city which is doing a lot to attract both the business and tourism traveller."

He said 90 per cent of staff for the hotel had been recruited from the Oxford area.

He added: "It's vital that the city can provide suitable accommodation to any new visitors and it will also great for football fans coming to Oxford as we're right next to the stadium."

• The newly opened Travelodge Hotel on Abingdon Road



• Arun Kumar, Manager of the Hampton by Hilton on Grenoble Road



Trio guilty for drugs offences



THREE men pleaded guilty to drug offences at Oxford Crown Court last week.

Two of the men have been jailed and another is due to be sentenced on January 8.

Anthony Williams, 34, of Luther Street in Oxford, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply heroin and cocaine, and for possession of cannabis last Monday.

He was sentenced the same day to three years and six months in jail for the first two offences and two months for the third.

Dzung Nguyen, 22, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine and was jailed for eight months.

Richard Punton, 39, from Moor Avenue in Witney pleaded guilty to possession of heroin and cocaine and is due to be sentenced next month.

The three men were arrested in June after police raided a property in Moor Avenue on June 12, 2014.

DC Adrian Brooksbank said: "A significant quantity of Class A drugs was recovered and therefore removed from our streets."

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Gems galore as treasure finds rise by half

THE amount of treasure found in Oxfordshire has risen by 46 per cent in the last year.

Oxfordshire County Council's Museum Service has so far recorded 41 cases of treasure discovered this year, up from 18 last year.

And Oxfordshire's 25,000th artefact was found this month.

The discovery was a very rare Roman coin found in the Hanneys in south Oxfordshire, which is only the third of its kind ever discovered.

Anni Byard, Finds Liaison officer at the council, said: "Oxfordshire has been a treasure trove over the years and there is no sign that this trend is going to dry up anytime soon. By working closely with metal detector users and others who offer their finds for recording, we really are rewriting our county's history."

The Museum Service now has more than 100,000 objects in its collection. It acquires treasure usually by grant applications and fundraising.

Some of the treasure is on show at the council's Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock.

Lorraine Lindsay Gale, council cabinet member for culture, said: "Television programmes have encouraged a wider public interest in archaeology."

Man who dumped two tankers of sewage fined

By Alex Ballinger

A MAN has been fined more than £11,000 for dumping two tanker loads of sewage in Carterton.

The case was the biggest fly tipping prosecution West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) had dealt with.

Michael Ridgway, of Hinstock, near Market Drayton in Shropshire, was fined of £11,186 at Banbury Magistrates' Court on Tuesday.

WODC cabinet member for

the environment, David Harvey, said: "Dumping effluent in this way poses a health risk and makes this one of the most irresponsible and appalling incidents of fly-tipping that we have ever come across in our district."

He added: "This successful prosecution is largely down to hard work by the staff."

The waste was discovered

on September 1 last year flowing under portacabins in the construction compound at West Oxfordshire Business and Retail Park.

Using CCTV footage the council identified the only vehicle capable of moving the waste that had visited the park during weekend it was found.

The footage also showed that when entering the site the tanker had all its wheels on the ground but when it was

leaving the second axle was raised, suggesting a load had been deposited.

Ridgway was tracked down as the vehicle's owner.

He had been employed to remove toilet and shower waste from portaloos.

During an interview he said he had been paid cash by a man named Paul.

Ridgway accepted that he had not checked if Paul, who he said had now returned to Poland, was a registered waste carrier.

Ridgway was charged with fly tipping, breaching his duty of care in waste disposal and not having the relevant waste transfer notes.

During the sentencing the magistrate said Ridgway's behaviour was reckless and had caused a significant local impact.

He was fined £6,000, ordered to pay £3,561 in compensation to the landowner, another £1,325 in compensation to the council, £180 criminal court compensation and £120 victim surcharge.

Have your say online



• A picture of the dumped sewage waste

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First female head

OXFORD: Magdalen College School has appointed the first female headteacher of its 535-year history.

Helen Pike will succeed Tim Hands as Master of the school from September next year.

Mrs Pike grew up in Preston in Lancashire before studying modern history at Oxford University's Christ Church college.

She has taught at several independent schools in the country and writes historical and political fiction.



• Helen Pike

Found guilty

OXFORD: A man from Botley was found guilty of drugs offences including offering to sell methadone and possession of cannabis/cannabis resin.

Cameron Sephton, 33, of Gibbs Crescent, was convicted by a unanimous jury at Oxford Crown Court last Thursday.

He was arrested on January 6 after a raid on his home.

A majority jury also found him guilty of possession with intent to supply methadone.

He is due to be sentenced in April, on a date to be set.

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Funding granted

OXFORD: Funding of £130,000 to help run holiday activities for young people will continue for the 11th year, Oxford City Council announced on Friday.

The money helps run activities in Easter, summer and Christmas holidays for eight to 19-year-olds from Barton, Wood Farm, The Leys, Littlemore, Rose Hill, Northway, Cutteslowe and East Oxford.

Test results up

OXON: Test results for 11-year-olds in reading, writing and maths tests have risen on last year, Oxfordshire County Council has said.

The council announced on Friday 81 per cent of 11-year-olds were achieving Level 4+ in the three core subjects, up from 79 per cent last year.

Oxfordshire is just above the national 80 per cent average.

School places

OXON: Parents of children born between September 1, 2011, and August 31, 2012, are being reminded not to miss the primary school application deadline on January 15.

Applications also need to be made for those born between September 1, 2008, and August 31, 2009, at infant school who are moving to primary or junior school.

NHS health trust 'failed to investigate 1,000 deaths'

By Alex Ballinger

AN NHS trust which operated in Oxfordshire has been criticised by the health minister after it allegedly 'failed to properly investigate deaths of more than 1,000 patients' since 2011, according to leaked documents.

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust was found to have 'a failure of leadership' according to a leaked report obtained by the BBC.

Health minister Jeremy Hunt said in Parliament last Thursday it was 'utterly unacceptable'.

Headington 18-year-old Connor Sparrowhawk drowned at Oxford learning disability unit Slade House in 2013 run by the trust, which has now shut.

A jury inquest ruled in October neglect contributed to his death.

Mr Hunt said: "I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Connor's mother, Sara Ryan, who has campaigned tirelessly to get to the bottom of these issues. It is totally and utterly unacceptable that, according to the leaked report, only one per cent of the unexpected deaths of patients with learning difficulties were investigated."

Some details from the report

were first made public last Thursday, but it has not yet been published.

According to the BBC the investigation was commissioned by NHS England and carried out by audit firm Mazars.

The report allegedly states 10,306 people died while in the trust's care between April 2011 and March 2015, with 1,454 deaths unexpected.

Of the unexpected deaths 272 were treated as critical incidents, with 195 being treated as incidents requiring investigation.

Trust spokesman Natalie Duffy said: "The board has fully accepted the processes for investigating and reporting a patient death, whilst improving, needed to be better."

"They had not always been up to the high standards our patients, their families and carers deserve."

"We welcome the opportunity to shine a spotlight on this important area."

Southern Health does not operate any units in Oxfordshire any longer.

Santa runners paint town red

• Crowds warming up

Photo gallery online
oxfordshireguardian.co.uk



THOUSANDS donned their best beards and red outfits on Sunday for the 13th annual Santa Run through the streets of Oxford.

A total of 2,200 people dressed up for the two-mile festive run to raise money for Oxford chil-

dren and young peoples' hospice Helen and Douglas House.

Runners gathered at 8.45am by the Sheldonian Theatre in Broad Street for a Zumba warm up before setting off at 9am.

Zoe and Adrian Tandy signed up after their 17-year-

old daughter Lauren died at Douglas House in Magdalen Road in February.

Mr Tandy said: "Lauren would have loved what we did. If she was still here now she would be helping to raise funds for the hospice too."

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Designs for £75m station makeover unveiled

RESIDENTS have until December 29 to vote for their favourite of six designs unveiled as options for a £75 million transformation of Oxford Rail Station.

The designs published last Thursday were submitted by different architect firms which will remain anonymous until the winner is chosen.

A masterplan setting out a vision to revamp the station was outlined in July last year.

Project partners Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Network Rail described the designs as 'world class'.

It is crucial if we are to maintain Oxford's status as a world class city

Ian Hudspeth, leader of the county council, said: "Our work outside Oxford's train station at Frideswide Square has transformed the gateway to the city, the redevelopment of the station is the next logical step.

"It is crucial if we are to main-

By **Loughlan Campbell**

tain Oxford's status as a world class city. Further investment in this critical transport interchange will be needed to help businesses thrive and ensure Oxfordshire remains an attractive location for investment."

An exhibition of the plans launched at Oxford Central Library in Westgate on Monday and is online at oxford.gov.uk/stationcomp. City council leader Bob Price said: "The regeneration of the station area is a key site in the west end, which if delivered, would make significant contributions to Oxford's economy."

He added both councils are working with partners and the Department of Transport to try and secure cash to fund the station project.

Work could start in 2020.

Last year's masterplan earmarked extra tracks, a third platform, a bus terminal, hotel, shops and a multi-storey car park off Becket Street as part of the project.

Cllr Hudspeth added: "Testing

these design concepts with the public now is an important step in our journey towards achieving the necessary investment required to deliver our ambition to have a world-class station."

Once voting closes a judging panel will narrow down the options to three, before a final design is chosen.



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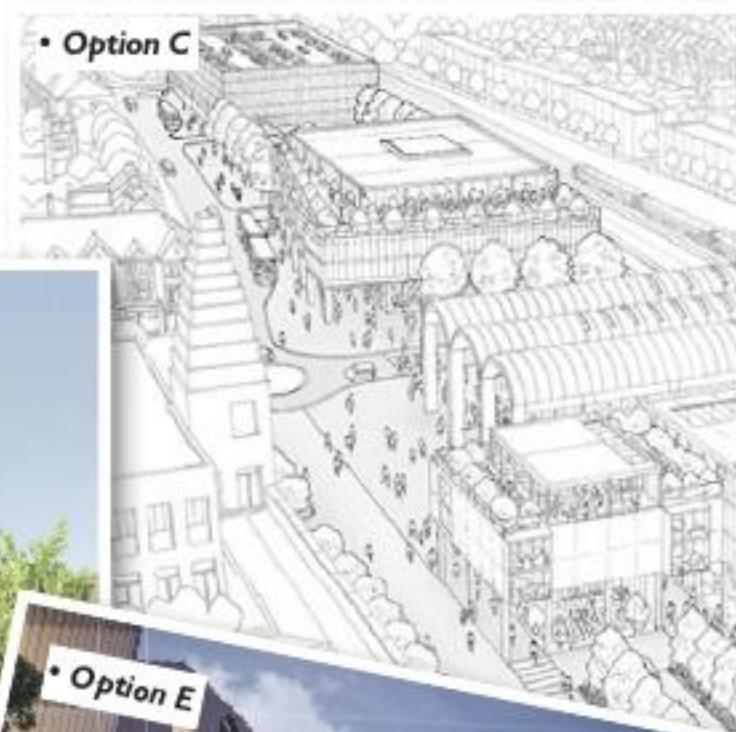


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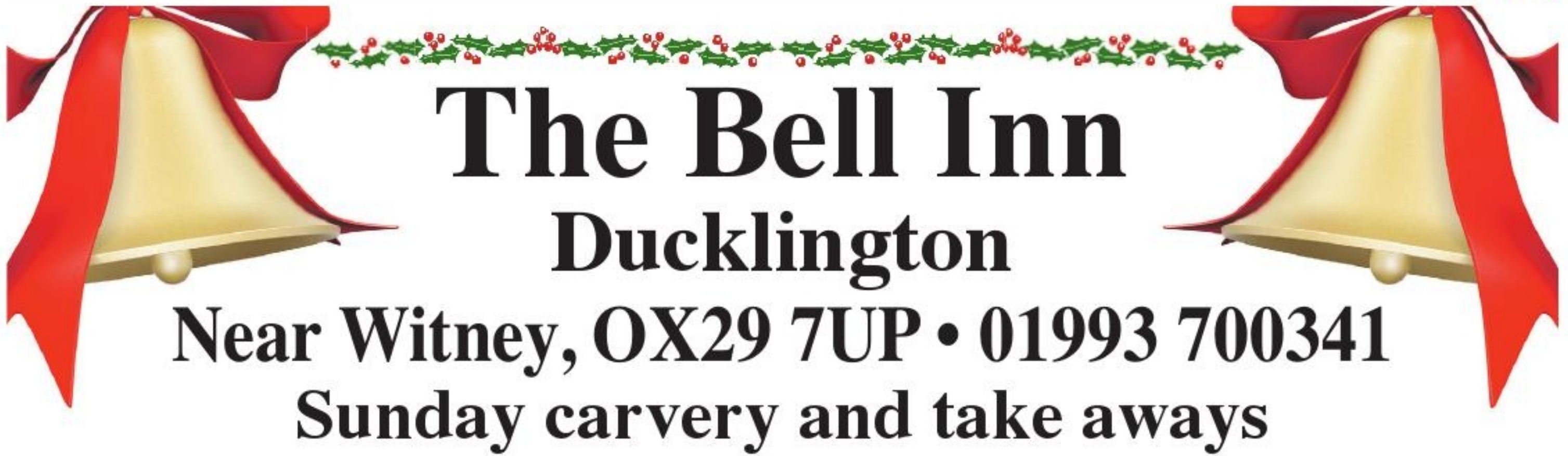


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Metal dealer who skipped court fined thousands

A SCRAP metal dealer who did not to appear at court twice has been fined £2,500 for failing to produce records of the metal he transported.

Leonard Stefan, 22, of Haybarns Road in Birmingham was sentenced in his absence at Oxford Magistrates' Court last Monday.

He breached the scrap Metal Dealers Act twice.

Stefan was spotted by police collecting scrap metal in Abingdon and officers from the Vale of White Horse District Council found Stefan could not produce any records of the metal he collected.

To prevent scrap metal thefts, dealers are required by law to keep records of where the metal comes from and where is disposed of.

Stefan was due at a court hearing on November 9 but did not show up so the case was heard in his absence.

He was also ordered to pay costs and charges of £980.

Vale Council cabinet member Roger Cox said: "The rise in recent years of metal thefts has meant that scrap dealers now to keep detailed records showing where their metal came from."

"There really is no excuse for not having proper records."

Woman jumped 'in front of train'

A 51-YEAR-OLD woman threw herself in front of a freight train at Didcot Parkway railway station, Oxford Coroner's Court heard last Thursday.

An inquest into Debbie Yalcin's death opened at the court in New Road at 1.45pm.

The therapist, from Orpington in Bromley, died on Thursday, December 3.

By **Loughlan Campbell**

A statement from assistant coroner, David Freeman, said Debbie had been taken to Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington under the Mental Health Act on Wednesday, December 2, the day before her death.

It said Mrs Yalcin drove to

the Ramada hotel just off the M40 in Oxfordshire before calling her husband Ahmet Yalcin and telling him she intended to harm herself.

Mr Yalcin, 46, rang Thames Valley Police who arrived at the hotel the same day to find Mrs Yalcin had cuts to her neck and wrists.

She was taken to hospital

where staff arranged for her to be taken to a mental health hospital in Bromley the next day.

However nurses rang the police at around 7am the following morning after finding her missing and an appeal to find her was launched.

The assistant coroner's statement revealed she threw herself in front of a freight train at around 11.05am at Didcot Parkway station.

Oxfordshire Coroner Darren Salter gave a cause of death as multiple injuries.

The inquest into her death was adjourned to be held in front of a jury on June 14.



• Officers at Didcot Parkway railway station



• Debbie Yalcin, 51

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New Canons

OXFORD: Eight priests are to be made Honorary Canons at Christ Church Cathedral.

Joanna Collicutt, Reverend Rod Cosh for Burnham and Slough, Peter Groves, Alan Hodgetts, Julie Ramsbottom, Vaughan Roberts, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust chaplain Reverend Dr Margaret Whipp and Richard Zair will receive canonries at a service on January 23 at 6pm.

Honorary Canons are those with a record of honourable service in a church diocese.

Crossbow arrests

FARINGDON: Two men armed with crossbows are among four arrested after an attempted break-in in Faringdon.

Offenders tried to break into a house in Greengates at about 6pm on November 29. Two men were in the house and an altercation spilled onto the street. Two of the men had crossbows.

A 29-year-old from Abingdon and 22-year-old from Didcot were arrested on suspicion of affray and possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause violence. They were bailed until January 12.

A 39-year-old from Faringdon was arrested on the same charges, and a 28-year-old man from Faringdon was arrested on suspicion of affray. Both were bailed until January 15.

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First-of-its-kind city flood map launched online

RESIDENTS at risk of flooding can monitor water levels across Oxford online through a pioneering new flooding network system.

The interactive map, launched last week at map.flood.network, has been developed over the last two years by Oxford-based Nominet and the Oxford Flood Network.

Using 15 sensors from the Network and six sensors from the Environment Agency, residents can check water levels at various points across the city.

The sensors measure the distance they are from the water surface which is then fed onto the online map, updating itself every 15 minutes to monitor the flood risk for that area.

Oxford Flood Network director Ben Ward, who lives near Folly Bridge, said: "Oxford is the first city in the county to have a network like this and we hope that people will use it to share information about any potential flooding in the city."

"We are trying to fill in the gaps between the Environmental Agency's sensors and our own and that's where residents come into play."

Hundreds of homes and busi-

By **Loughlan Campbell**

nesses were flooded in Oxford in January and February last year and major transport routes Abingdon Road and Botley Road were closed temporarily.

There are 4,500 properties in Oxford at a one per cent or higher annual risk of flooding.

The Network is asking for volunteers to come forward to have sensors installed in their back gardens to increase the accuracy of the map so that people can know when and where exactly the water is rising.

Mr Ward added: "It's pretty pioneering, however some of the technology behind it is the same you would get on a parking sensor."

The online map is colour coded to show how high the water levels in Oxford are - running from green for low water levels to red for high water levels.

Russell Haworth, CEO of Nominet, said: "If this can work in Oxford, it can work anywhere and recent events have underlined the importance of effective monitoring systems when flood waters begin to rise."

The companies are working on real-time updates which show the water level each time a sensor reports in.

The map is in its beta version so residents can make recommendations via the online map.

If the map proves successful in Oxford, the Network could roll out across the UK.

Preparation work to build a new £120 million flood relief channel in Oxford got underway in September.

The Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme project team is developing different options for a flood relief channel, including different routes and sizes.

It is expected to pass west of Oxford from Botley Road to Sandford Lock.

Public events to present the options are to be held from 2.30pm until 7pm on January 19 at Oxford Town Hall in St Aldate's, on January 20 at Abbey House in Abingdon, and on January 22 at South Oxford Community Centre in Lake Street.

Building work could start in 2018 and take two to three years to complete which would revolutionize the flood defences in Oxford.

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Dance festival

OXFORD: The 10th anniversary of Dancin' Oxford dance festival will see four specially commissioned dance pieces performed next year.

Oxford-based Body Politic, In.Motion Dance Company, Drishti Dance and three Oxford professional dancers will perform on February 26 and 27 at Pegasus Theatre in Magdalen Road.

The three dancers, Jos Baker, Tomislav English and Sam Roren will present *When We Were Youth* as the show's climax.

Tickets for the show are at pegaustheatre.org.uk

Man drowned

OXFORD: A 54-year-old Oxford man died after drowning in the River Thames near Iffley Lock, an inquest at Oxford Coroners' Court in New Road heard on Thursday.

Frank Rothnie, (pictured) who lived on a canal boat moored in Mill Lane, Oxford, was last seen on November 15 leaving the Prince of Wales pub in Church Way, Iffley village.

Police found his body on December 3 after a passer-by spotted it in the river.

A full inquest is to be held on May 11 at the same court.



Thousands voice view on council cuts for the county

THOUSANDS of Oxfordshire residents responded to a public consultation on how to deal with £50 million of Oxfordshire County Council cuts until 2020.

The council had 3,631 online responses to the consultation, titled *Talking Oxfordshire*, between its launch on October 20 and its end on November 29.

More than 90 budget savings were proposed. The main concerns voiced were about protecting the most vulnerable and about proposed children centre closures.

Council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "These are difficult times for local government and there are tough choices ahead. The consulta-

tion feedback will help share those choices. We've listened and heard what people had to say.

"In the main we feel that in giving their feedback people understood and acknowledged the extent of the financial issues faced."

The council was handed four petitions of 3,432 signatures.

The council's cabinet is due to recommend a budget on January 26, which would then be considered on February 16.

This budget would be revisited and potentially altered each year until 2020.

The £50m savings are on top of £292m planned by the end of 2018 by the council.

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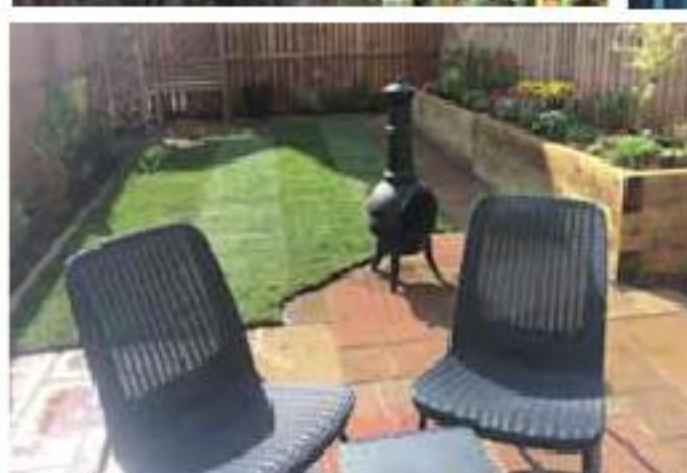
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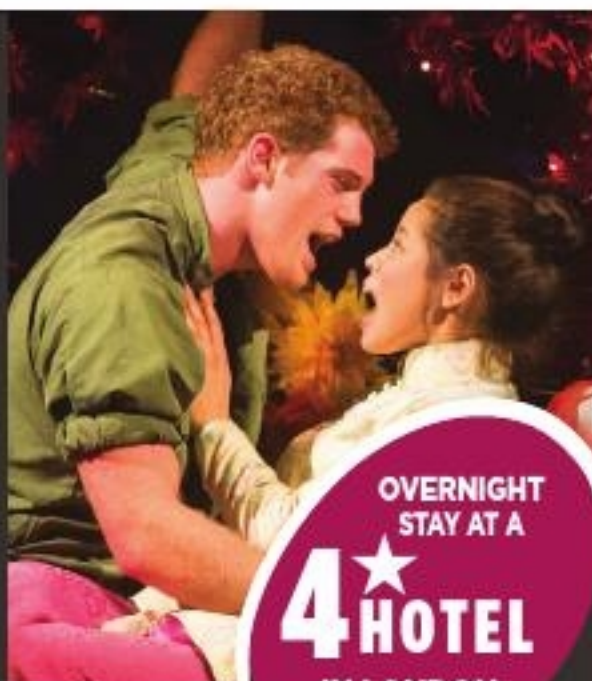
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Quick Clues Across

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- 9 Long fish (3)
- 10 Expedient (9)
- 11 Ends (5)
- 13 Letter (7)
- 14 Waterlogged (6)
- 16 Calm (6)
- 18 Unaffected (7)
- 19 Attacked (5)
- 20 Transport for the wounded (9)
- 21 Kind of vegetable (3)
- 22 Indicating dissent (4-7)

Quick Clues Down

- 2 Lubricate (3)
- 3 Snares (5)
- 4 Grudges (6)
- 5 Pause (7)
- 6 Makes hostile (9)
- 7 Emotional (11)
- 8 Showing deep respect (11)
- 12 Touchy (9)
- 15 Came with a crash (7)
- 17 Settle conclusively (6)
- 19 Fracture (5)
- 21 Peg of wood or metal (3)

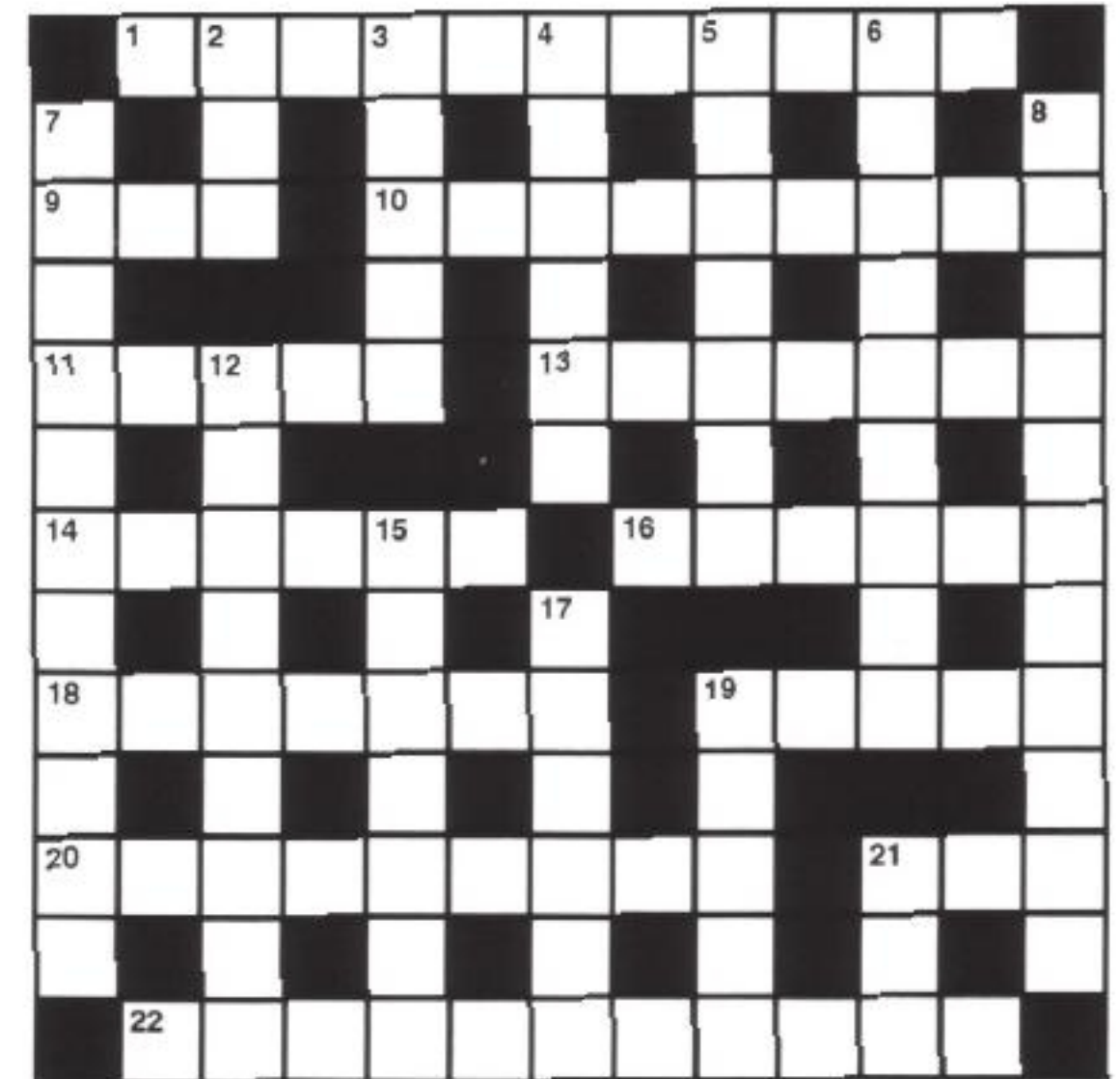
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Makes a monopoly with a sound foundation (11)
- 9 Strikingly away from home (3)
- 10 Urge to disturb the giant site (9)
- 11 Legend has it she made her own tombstone (5)
- 13 Steam is the making of a French 14 (7)
- 14 Expert with disturbed traits (6)
- 16 A three-mile alliance (6)
- 18 I and a friend took it to copy (7)
- 19 French word and music (5)
- 20 But you won't often write music on it (9)
- 21 Like the other inmates of 21 down, it is said (3)
- 22 Strong positions for the principal card players? (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 2 To a different type of corn (3)
- 3 A piano is excellent for yielding sound (5)
- 4 It will make me sure to start again (6)
- 5 Sounds as if this will be prickly (7)
- 6 An adjacent spectacle can cause myopia (4,5)
- 7 Female supporters? (11)
- 8 It's respectful to face round the fee mixed up with the rent (11)
- 12 He ought to be well equipped (9)
- 15 Trod forcibly - nearly caused a beastly rush (7)
- 17 One keeps one's ear close to the place of worship (6)
- 19 Code for the majority round head of state (5)
- 21 Paid shortly about nothing for the case (3)



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	1	9			3	6		
		8	5				4	2
	6		1	7				5
9	7	6		8	4			
	2						3	
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	6			3				2
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This week's solutions

7	2	4	9	8	3	5	6	1
5	3	1	2	7	6	4	8	9
8	6	9	5	4	2	7	3	1
1	5	8	3	6	2	7	9	4
9	4	3	8	1	7	6	2	5
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3	5	7	8	4	1	9	2	6
4	8	2	7	6	9	5	1	3
6	9	1	2	3	5	7	8	4

Quick Crossword
 Across: 1 Soft-hearted 9 Eel 10 Advisable 11 Tails 13 Epistle
 14 Marshy 17 Serene 18 Natural 19 Beset 20 Ambulance
 21 Pea 22 Head-shaking
 Down: 2 Oil 3 Traps 4 Enrives 5 Respite 6 Embitters
 7 Sentimental 8 Reverential 12 Irritable 15 Hurdled
 17 Clinch 19 Break 21 Pin
Cryptic Crossword
 Across: 1 Cornerstone 9 Out 10 Instigate 11 Niche 13 Maltise
 14 Artist 16 League 18 Initiate 19 Molest 20 Notepaper 21 Pea
 22 Bridgeheads
 Down: 2 Cat 3 Noise 4 Resume 5 Thistle 6 Near sight
 7 Foundations 8 Deferential 12 Outrigger 15 Stamped
 17 Temple 19 Morse 21 Rod

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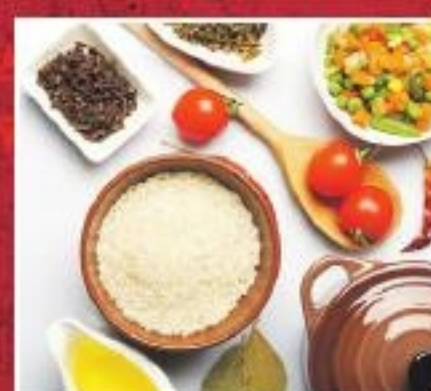
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DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Operation Meet the Street** (S)(R) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S) **11.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S) **11.45 Family Finders** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Doctor Blake Mysteries** (S)(R) **3.10 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.40 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas** (S) **4.25 Flog It!** From Rhosyllwen Mansion near Cardigan. (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

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6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** Entertainment and fashion news. (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S) **3.00 1000 Heartbeats** Quiz show, hosted by Vernon Kay. (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather** (S)

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Christmas** (S)(R) **1.05 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special** (S)(R) **2.10 Deal or No Deal** Beat-the-banker game show. (S) **3.10 Countdown** (S) **4.00 Posh Pawnbrokers** Larry and Neil examine a Michael Jackson gold disc. (S) **5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

6.00 Milkshake! **9.15 Christmas with The Wright Stuff** Studio debate on the day's news. **11.45 FILM Twelve Trees of Christmas** (2013) (PG) (S) **1.30 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **1.35 Neighbours** (S) **2.05 FILM Christmas Wishes** (2012) (PG) Christmas family drama, starring Jason Gedrick. (S) **3.45 FILM I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus** (2002) (PG) Family comedy, starring Connie Sellecca and Corbin Bernsen. (S) **5.30 5 News at 5** (S) **6.00 Neighbours** Belinda accuses Toadie of reporting her relationship with Steph to the hospital. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

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7.00 The One Show Topical stories from around the UK. (S) **7.30 EastEnders** Jean arrives and tells Stacey the secret of her key. (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

7.00 Ronnie Barker: The Many Faces Of A profile of the comedy actor and writer, who found national fame in The Two Ronnies and Porridge. With contributions by Ben Elton, Michael Grade and David Renwick. (S)(R)

7.00 Emmerdale Emma is determined to have access to Moses. (S) **7.30 Taxi Wars: Tonight** British cabbies' battle against Californian app-driven taxi service Uber. (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Crazy Christmas Compulsives Part two of two. Another selection of people who take festive revelry to the extreme; (S)(R) **5 News Update** (S)

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8.00 Eat Well for Less at Christmas? Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help the Goff family save money and time this Christmas, finding out if it is possible to plan the perfect festive party without breaking the bank. (S)

8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals The last semi-final sees the remaining hopefuls work a busy service at the Northcote restaurant in Lancashire, and recreating one of head chef Lisa Allen's signature dishes. (S)

8.00 Emmerdale Moses' life hangs in the balance. (S) **8.30 Coronation Street** Rob vows his revenge. (S)

8.00 The Secret Life of Children at Christmas The children put on their own nativity play. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 Alex Pollizzi's Italian Islands Alex explores southern Sicily, visiting a subterranean cathedral and enjoying a fiesta in the fishing village of San Vito. Last in the series; (S) **5 News Update** (S)

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9.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build The team are joined by tradespeople in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, to transform the family home of Richard Ford, who is confined to a wheelchair after a brain-stem stroke in 2012. (S)

9.00 The Great British Bake Off Christmas Masterclass Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry make a selection of festive recipes. (S)

9.00 The Nation's Favourite Bond Song Documentary telling the stories behind 20 songs from the 007 movies, with contributions from Jonathan Ross, Moby, Jools Holland, Roger Moore, Honor Blackman and Naomie Harris. (S)

9.00 First Dates: The Proposal Maitre d' Fred hosts a festive party in which he welcomes back some of the couples who found love in the restaurant. (S)

9.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Snow Ben meets a 40-year-old British woman who gave up her old life as a communications manager to train huskies inside the Arctic Circle in northern Sweden. (S)(R)

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10.00 BBC News at Ten (S) **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **10.35 Question Time** Topical debate from Slough, Berkshire, chaired by David Dimbleby. (S)

10.00 Russell Howard's Good News Highlights and out-takes from the show. Last in the series. (S) **10.30 Newsnight** (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)

10.00 Very British Problems at Christmas A one-off return for the show in which famous faces grumble about the festive season. (S)

10.00 Christmas on the Poverty Line People facing Christmas with little money, including a Lancashire couple who scour social media for free gifts. (S)

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11.35 This Week The past seven days in politics. (S)

11.10 Weather (S) **11.15 Journey Down the Yukon - A Soldier's Challenge** Ben Parkinson takes on a mission to canoe down Canada's Yukon River. (S)(R)

11.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) **11.15 The World According to Kenny Everett** Profile of the comedian and DJ. (S)(R)

11.05 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.00 Can't Pay? Benefits Special The agents grapple with emotional evictions and moral dilemmas. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.25 BBC News** (S)

12.15 Sign Zone: The Tallban Hunters - Panorama (S)(R) **12.45 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas** (S)(R) **1.30 David Gilmour: Wider Horizons** (S) (R) **2.40 This Is BBC Two** (S)

12.15 Jackpot247 **3.00 Taxi Wars: Tonight** (S)(R) **3.25 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

12.10 24 Hours in A&E (S)(R) **1.05 Liberty of London** (S)(R) **2.00 Embarrassing Bodies** (S)(R) **2.55 Unreported World** (S)(R) **3.20 How the Monarchy Can Make You Millions: Channel 4 Dispatches** (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 UK's Strongest Man 2015** (S)(R) **4.00 Wildlife SOS** (S)(R) **4.20 Divine Designs** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6 **6.00** You've Been Framed! **6.25** Psych **7.10** Emmerdale **7.40** Coronation Street **8.10** You've Been Framed! **8.40** The Cube **9.40** Psych **10.35** FILM: Holiday Engagement (2011) (PG) **12.30** Emmerdale **1.00** Coronation Street **1.30** You've Been Framed! **2.00** Catchphrase **2.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Judge Rinder **7.00** You've Been Framed! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** Scorpion **10.00** Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 1 **11.00** FILM: Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) (15) Comedy, starring Leigh Francis. **12.50** Two and a Half Men **1.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.40** Crazy Beaches **2.05** Animal Practice **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10** **6.00** Judge Judy **6.20** George and Mildred **6.50** Heartbeat **7.50** Murder, She Wrote **8.45** Where the Heart Is **9.45** Judge Judy **11.05** A Touch of Frost **1.05** Heartbeat **2.10** Wild at Heart **3.20** Where the Heart Is

4.25 Rising Damp **4.55** On the Buses **5.25** George and Mildred **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Lewis **10.00** If I Had You **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.00** Judge Judy **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7** **7.00** Top Gear **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Rent a Cop **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.10** Family Guy **12.30** Rent a Cop **1.00** Josh **1.30** Reggie Yates's Extreme UK: Men at War **2.30** Cuckoo **3.30** Rent a Cop **4.00** Close **BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9** **7.00** World News Today; Weather **7.30** Reel History of Britain **8.00** The Secret Life of Rockpools **9.00** What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment **10.00** Best Possible Taste: The Kenny Everett Story **11.30** Jeff Lynne's ELO in Concert **12.30** The Secret Life of Rockpools **1.30** Ballrooms and Ballerinas: Dance at the BBC **2.30** What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28 **6.00** Rude(ish) Tube **6.45** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** A to Z **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Paul (2011) (15) Sci-fi comedy, with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Rude Tube **1.00** Troy; Cyber Hijack **2.05** Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos **3.00** Drifters **3.50** Rules of Engagement **4.15** Rude(ish) Tube **MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14** **8.55** Location, Location, Location **10.00** Building the Dream **11.05** FILM: Halls of Montezuma (1950) (U) **1.25** Time Team **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **5.45** A Place in the Sun **6.50** Building the Dream **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Grand Designs: Living in the Country **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **12.15** Grand Designs

1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.20** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **3.35** Close **FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15** **11.00** The Virgin Queen (1955) (U) **12.45** Love Story (1970) (PG) **2.50** A Matter of Life and Death (1946) (U) **4.55** The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960) (U) **6.55** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) (15) **9.00** I, Robot (2004) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Will Smith. **11.15** Date Night (2010) (15) **1.00** Basic Instinct (1992) (18) **3.40** Close **DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12** **6.00** Home Shopping **7.00** Rocket City Rednecks **7.20** Storage Hunters **8.10** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** Top Gear **6.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** Storage Hunters UK **7.30** The Money Pit **8.30** Storage Hunters UK **9.00** QI **10.00** FILM: The Fugitive (1993) (15) Thriller, starring Harrison Ford. **12.30** Room 101 **1.50** QI **2.30** Storage Hunters UK

2.55 Only Connect **4.00** Home Shopping **SKY1 SKY: 106** **6.00** The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **9.00** Inside Gatwick **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Monkey Life **3.30** About a Boy **4.00** Futurama **5.00** Modern Family **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** FILM: Starsky & Hutch (2004) (15) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson. **11.00** Trolled **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** The Force: Manchester **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Armed and Dangerous: Ultimate Forces **4.00** Nothing to Declare **5.00** UK Border Force **SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108** **6.00** Seinfeld **8.00** Stargate Atlantis **9.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Cold Case **12.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Stargate Atlantis **3.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **4.00** The West Wing **5.00** Cold Case **7.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Last Panthers **10.00** Hunderby **11.05** Girls **2.00** The Knick **2.55** Curb Your Enthusiasm **4.05** Urban Secrets

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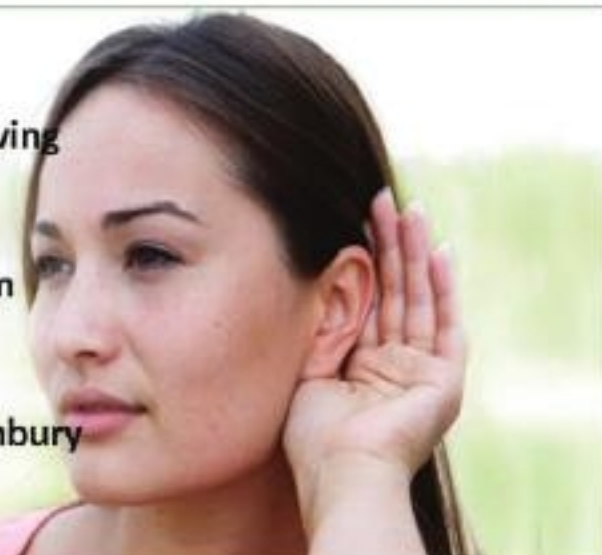
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BBC1



6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Operation Meet the Street** (S)(R) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S) **11.45 Family Flinders** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One**; **Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Doctor Blake Mysterles** A school headmaster is found dead in his office. (S)(R) **3.10 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.40 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas** (S) **4.25 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six**; **Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 A Question of Sport With Eddie Pepperell, Jenny Meadows, Serge Betsen and Kevin Kilbane; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8.00 EastEnders Stacey struggles to come to terms with her discovery. (S)
8.30 Citizen Khan Mr Khan is entrusted with a sum of cash. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 Have I Got News for You Compilation of the satirical quiz, looking back at the big news events of 2015. Last in the series. (S)
9.30 Peter Kay's Car Share (S)(R)

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show With Kylie Minogue and Carrie Fisher. (S)

11.20 Josh (S)
11.50 FILM Reasonable Doubt (2014) (15) Premiere. Thriller, with Dominic Cooper and Samuel L Jackson. (S)

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.15 BBC News (S)

BBC2



6.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S)(R) **7.45 Family Flinders** (S) **8.15 Sign Zone: An Island Parish: Falklands** (S) (R) **8.45 Sign Zone: Great British Menu** (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Britain's First Photo Album** (S)(R) **1.30 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **2.30 The Great British Bake Off: The Final** (S)(R) **3.30 The Great Antiques Map of Britain** (S)(R) **4.00 The World's Most Photographed** (S)(R) **4.30 Wogan: The Best Of** (S)(R) **5.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **6.00 Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two** (S)

7.00 Tom Kerridge Cooks Christmas The chef puts his own spin on festive fare. (S)(R)
7.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Christmas Favourites Part two of two. Five recipes for a stress-free Christmas Day. (S)(R)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include The West Wing and Billy Bragg. (S)
8.30 An Island Parish: Falklands The Rev Richard Hines nears the end of his seven-year posting. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 Alex Polizzi: Hire Our Heroes Part two of two. The presenter seeks to pilot a scheme that if successful could be rolled out across the UK to help unemployed working-age veterans find a new career. (S)

10.00 The Clare Balding Sports Show New series. The sporting chat show returns. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Weather (S)
11.05 FILM AI: Artificial Intelligence (2001) (12) Sci-fi drama, starring Haley Joel Osment and Jude Law. (S)

1.20 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R)
2.20 This Is Tottenham (S)(R) **3.20 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV



6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show for Text Santa** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News**; **Weather** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News**; **Weather** (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder for Text Santa** Father Christmas arrives in court. (S) **3.00 1000 Heartbeats for Text Santa** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point for Text Santa** (S) **5.00 The Chase for Text Santa** Special celebrity edition linked with the TV appeal. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News**; **Weather** (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News**; **Weather** (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Debbie and Emma try to settle their feud. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Rob confides his dastardly plans to his cellmate. (S)

8.00 Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby lead a host of stars rallying support for this year's charities - Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-A-Wish UK and Save the Children. (S)

11.05 ITV News; **Weather** (S)
11.45 ITV Regional News; **Weather** (S)
11.55 Text Santa 2015: The Best Bits Highlights from this year's Christmas Jumper Day appeal. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA** (S)(R) **3.40 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4



6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Jamle's Best Ever Christmas** (S) **12.05 Kirstle's Homemade Christmas** (S)(R) **1.05 Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Christmas Special** (S)(R) **2.10 Deal or No Deal** Beat-the-banker game show. (S) **3.10 Countdown** (S) **4.00 Posh Pawnbrokers** Nathan and Debbs deliver an emotional shock when valuing some precious silver. (S) **5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)
7.30 TFI Friday Christmas Special Guests include James Corden, Sir Tom Jones and Bryan Adams. (S)

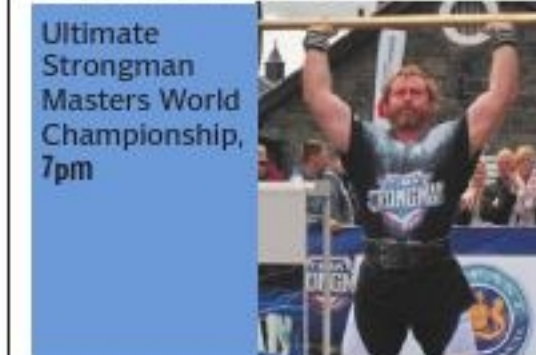
9.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Comedian Kevin Bridges chats about his latest live stand-up DVD, while actress, comedian, writer, and producer Tina Fey reflects on her upcoming movie, Sisters. (S)

11.05 First Dates: The Proposal Maitre d' Fred hosts a festive party in which he welcomes back some of the couples who found love in the restaurant. (S) (R)

12.05 Rude Tube (S) **1.00 That's So Last Century** (S)(R) **1.55 FILM You're Next (2011)** (18) (S) **3.30 You Deserve This House** (S)(R) **4.25 River Cottage Bites** (S)(R) **4.35 Benchmark** (S) **5.25 Deal or No Deal** (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! **9.15 Christmas with The Wright Stuff** Panel discussion. **11.40 FILM The Perfect Holiday (2007)** (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Morris Chestnut and Gabrielle Union. (S) **1.30 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **1.35 Neighbours** Paul is taken into custody by police. (S) **2.05 FILM Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010)** (PG) Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. (S) **3.50 FILM Help for Christmas (2012)** (PG) Fantasy, starring Summer Glau. (S) **5.30 5 News at 5** (S) **6.00 Neighbours** Paul is taken into custody by police. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 Ultimate Strongman Masters World Championship Veteran strongmen gather in Belfast to battle it out for the Marshalls Trophy; (S) **5 News Update** (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers VP Express takes on its heaviest load of the season, hoping to leave the competition floundering. Meanwhile, a defection leads to further tension in the Polar ranks; (S) **5 News Update** (S)

9.00 FILM Con Air (1997) (18) A parolee on his flight home intervenes when America's deadliest criminals hijack the plane. Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack and John Malkovich. (S)

11.15 Christmas Crims: Caught on Camera Nick Wallis reveals how the police are assisted by CCTV and bodycams when cracking Christmas crimes and keeping chaos under wraps. (S)

12.15 SuperCasino **3.10 The Dog Rescuers at Christmas** with Alan Davies (S)(R) **4.00 Christmas on the Poverty Line** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.25** Psych **7.10** Emmerdale **8.10** Coronation Street **8.40** The Cube **9.40** Psych **10.35** Catchphrase **11.15** Take Me Out Celebrity Christmas Special **12.30** Emmerdale **1.30** Coronation Street **2.00** Catchphrase **2.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Judge Rinder **7.00** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: The Bourne Identity (2002) (12) **11.25** FILM: The Nutty Professor (1996) (PG) **1.20** The Vampire Diaries **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** George and Mildred **6.35** Heartbeat **7.40** Murder, She Wrote **8.25** Where the Heart Is **9.30** Judge Judy **10.55** A Touch of Frost **1.00** Heartbeat **2.05** Wycliffe **3.10** Where the Heart Is **4.15** In Loving Memory **4.50** On the Buses **5.20** George and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Wycliffe **11.05** FILM: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) Agatha Christie

mystery, starring Albert Finney. **1.40** Where the Heart Is **2.35** Judge Judy **3.40** Emmerdale
BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Don't Tell the Bride **8.30** Sherlock **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** American Dad! **12.00** Family Guy **12.45** Rent a Cop **1.15** Josh **1.45** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **2.30** World's Craziest Fools **2.55** Cuckoo **4.00** Close
BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; **Weather** **7.30** Andrea Chenier from the Royal Opera House **9.35** Sounds of the Eighties **10.00** Queen: From Rags to Rhapsody **11.00** Queen: The Legendary 1975 Concert **11.45** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **12.45** Queen: From Rags to Rhapsody **1.45** Queen: The Legendary 1975 Concert **2.35** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **3.35** Close
E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.45** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Melissa & Joey

11.00 Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** A to Z **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Taken (2008) (15) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos **12.50** Drifters **1.35** First Dates **2.50** Tripped **3.35** How to Survive the End of the World **4.00** The New Normal **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube
MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Location, Location, Location **10.00** Building the Dream **11.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **11.15** FILM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) (PG) **1.25** Time Team **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **5.45** A Place in the Sun **6.50** Building the Dream **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Father Ted Christmas Special **10.15** Father Ted **11.20** 24 Hours in A&E **1.25** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.25** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **3.40** Close
FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Tales from Earthsea (2006) (PG) **1.20** King Kong (1976) (PG) **4.10** The Quiet Man (1952) (U) **6.45** Hairspray (2007) (PG) **9.00** The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) (12) **11.25** Kick-Ass (2010) (15) **1.40** Seven Psychopaths (2012) (15) **3.55** Close
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Rocket City Rednecks **7.20** Storage Hunters **8.10** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** The Money Pit **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Storage Hunters **9.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.00** Room 101 **11.20** QI **12.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **3.00** Only Connect **3.30** Lizard Lick Towing **4.00** Home Shopping
SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **9.00** Inside Gatwick **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Monkey Life **3.30** About a Boy **4.00** Futurama

5.00 Modern Family **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Best Christmas Movies Ever **10.30** A League of Their Own **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Armed and Dangerous: Ultimate Forces **4.00** Nothing to Declare **5.00** Hawaii Five-0
SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **8.00** Stargate Atlantis **9.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Cold Case **12.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **4.00** The West Wing **5.00** Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life **5.30** The Making of David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **6.30** Making David Attenborough's Flying Monsters **7.00** Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life **7.30** David Attenborough's Flying Monsters **9.00** Alan Partridge: Welcome to the Places of My Life **10.00** The Last Panthers **11.00** Amy Schumer: Live at the Apollo **12.10** Game of Thrones **2.20** The Knick **3.30** Curb Your Enthusiasm **4.05** Urban Secrets

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	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Casualty, 8pm	Porridge, 8.05pm	Notting Hill, 11.05pm	The Simpsons, 4.10pm	Britain's Favourite Abba Songs, 10.30pm
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas (S)(R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.10 Football Focus (S) 12.55 Sports Personality – The Final 12 (S)(R) 1.55 FILM The Muppets (2011) (U) (S) 3.30 The Hunt Efforts to protect endangered carnivores. Last in the series. (S)(R) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.25 BBC News (S) 5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 Pointless Celebrities (S) 6.35 Strictly Come Dancing Grand Final The remaining four duos gather for two more turns on the dance floor. (S)	6.00 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S)(R) 6.50 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 7.45 Africa's Fishing Leopards: Natural World (S)(R) 8.45 FILM Underdog (2007) (U) (S) 10.00 FILM Bridge to Terabithia (2007) (PG) (S) 11.30 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 12.00 Best Christmas Bakes Ever (S) 12.45 FILM The Bishop's Wife (1947) (U) (S) 2.30 FILM Splash! (1984) (PG) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. (S) 4.10 Flog It! (S) 5.00 FILM Dad's Army (1971) (U) Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (S) 6.35 The Perfect Morecambe & Wise Christmas Special (S)(R)	6.00 CITV 9.25 Murder, She Wrote (S) (R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.30 FILM The Mirror Crack'd (1980) (PG) (S) 1.35 Celebrity Squares (S)(R) 2.15 Doc Martin The doctor prepares for his wedding. (S)(R) 3.15 Midsomer Murders A petty thief is impaled with a pitchfork. (S)(R) 5.10 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.20 ITV News (S) 5.35 Keep It in the Family Christmas Special A festive-themed edition of the quiz show. (S) 6.35 FILM The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. (S)	6.15 Great Ethiopian Run 2015 Highlights of the 10km road race in Addis Ababa. (S) 7.10 Survival of the Fittest (S) 7.35 Snowman Triathlon (S) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 9.00 The Morning Line Rishi Persad presents a preview of this afternoon's racing at Ascot. (S) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 12.00 The Simpsons (S)(R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing Live coverage from Ascot and Haydock Park. (S) 4.00 Channel 4 News (S) 4.10 The Simpsons (S)(R) 5.10 FILM Arthur Christmas (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of James McAvoy. (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) 9.30 The Saturday Show (S) 11.30 FILM A Country Christmas Story (2013) (PG) (S) 1.20 FILM This Christmas (2007) (12) Comedy drama, starring Delroy Lindo. (S) 3.30 FILM Angel at Christmas (2012) (PG) Premiere. Family drama, starring Della Reese. (S) 5.10 FILM A Boyfriend for Christmas (2004) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Kelli Williams and Shane Baumel. (S) 6.55 Crackers About Christmas Eccentric people who are always in the festive holiday spirit. (S)(R)
7		7.05 Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands Life on Japan's northernmost island Hokkaido, a place where tough animals and ingenious people have adapted to the extremes of the seasons. Last in the series. (S)(R)		7.00 The World's Weirdest Weather Featuring geysers in the middle of a city, clouds that look like they have been cut with a razor, red rainbows, zombie trees and bridges struck by strong winds. (S)	7.55 Michael Buble's Christmas Songbook The Canadian crooner sings Christmas classics, joined on stage in Vancouver by Rod Stewart, Blake Shelton, Carly Rae Jepsen, Elmo and Oscar the Grouch. (S)(R)
8	8.00 Casualty Christmas Eve arrives, and Cal prepares to meet his birth mother. (S) 8.50 The National Lottery Live Frankie Bridge of The Saturdays pushes the Lotto button. (S)	8.05 Porridge C(S)(R) 8.50 Rudolf Nureyev – Dance to Freedom The story of the Soviet ballet dancer's defection to the West in 1961. (S)		8.00 FILM Star Trek (2009) (12) The first mission of the starship Enterprise leads the crew into a battle with a vengeful Romulan commander from the future. Sci-fi adventure, with Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto. (S)	8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.00 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The final three couples revisit their favourite routines in one last round of performances, before viewers decide which star should be named the champion. Last in the series. (S)		9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined in the studio by Star Wars: The Force Awakens actor Harrison Ford, author and comedy star David Walliams, chef Jamie Oliver and singer-songwriter Jess Glynne. (S)		9.00 Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches, including Brighton & Hove Albion v Middlesbrough. (S)
10	10.10 BBC News; Weather (S) 10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League games, including Manchester United v Norwich City; (S) National Lottery Update (S)	10.20 QI XL An extended edition of the comedy panel game, with Stephen Fry. (S)	10.50 ITV News; Weather (S)	10.30 FILM Watchmen (2009) (18) At the height of the Cold War, former superheroes discover a conspiracy when one of their number is murdered. Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson. (S)	10.30 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs A countdown of the Swedish pop group's 20 most popular songs, with celebrity fans including Jane McDonald and Liz McClarnon introducing their favourite clips. (S)
11	11.55 The Apprentice The five remaining candidates must face the formidable interview process with four of Lord Sugar's trusted advisors. (S)(R)	11.05 The Rise of James Brown: Mr Dynamite Documentary charting the singer's journey from impoverished beginnings to becoming one of the biggest names in music. (S)(R)	11.05 FILM Notting Hill (1999) (15) A London bookshop owner falls for a glamorous Hollywood film star, but intrusive media interest makes for a tricky relationship. Comedy, with Hugh Grant. (S)		11.55 Abba: Live in Concert The Swedish band in concert during their six-night residence at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979. (S)(R)
AFTER 12	12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.00 BBC News (S)	12.45 FILM SoulBoy (2010) (15) Drama, starring Martin Compston. (S) 2.05 This Is BBC Two (S)	1.20 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen	1.30 TFI Friday Christmas Special (S) (R) 2.55 Hollyoaks (S)(R) 5.05 Hugh's 3 Good Things (S)(R) 5.20 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites (S)(R) 5.25 Location, Location, Location (S)(R)	1.10 SuperCasino 3.10 Meet the Psychopaths (S)(R) 4.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole (S)(R) 4.50 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.15 Make It Big (S) (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

DIGITAL	ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6 6.00 The Hot Desk: Kelly Clarkson 6.10 Emmerdale 8.55 Coronation Street 11.20 Scorpion 12.15 Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! 1.15 FILM : Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) 3.10 FILM : Santa Baby (2006) (PG) 5.00 Merry Christmas Mr Bean 5.35 FILM : Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG) 7.25 FILM : Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) (PG) 9.00 FILM : The Bourne Supremacy (2004) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon. 11.10 Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 1 12.10 Through the Christmas Keyhole 1.15 Tricked 2.10 Viral Tap 2.45 FILM : Baby Mama (2008) (12) 4.25 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 5.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10 6.00 Movies Now 6.10 George and Mildred 6.35 Where the Heart Is 8.25 A Touch of Frost 10.35 Wycliffe 11.50 FILM : Swallows and Amazons (1974) (U) 1.40 By Royal Appointment 2.50 FILM : The Queen (2006) (12) 4.55 FILM : Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) (PG) 6.55 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Housewife, 49 10.00 Lewis 12.05 A Touch of Frost 2.10 FILM : Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) 4.20 Wycliffe 5.15 On the Buses 5.40 ITV3 Nightscreen BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7 7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear Botswana Special 9.00 FILM : Enemy of the State (1998) (15) Thriller, starring Will Smith. 11.05 Family Guy 1.20 The Mighty Boosh 3.15 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 3.30 Bad Education Christmas Special 4.00 Close BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9 7.00 Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World 8.00 The Golden Age of Steam Railways 9.00 The Bridge 11.00 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes 12.00 10 Things You Didn't Know About Tsunamis 1.00 Horizon: Secrets of the Solar System 2.00 Ian Hislop Goes Off the Rails 3.00 The Golden Age of Steam Railways 4.00 Close E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28 6.00 Melissa & Joey 6.25 How I Met Your Mother 7.05 Baby Daddy 8.00 The Goldbergs 9.00 Made in Chelsea 10.00 Couples Come Dine with Me 12.00 The Goldbergs 1.00 The Big Bang Theory 3.00 FILM : Lemory Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) (PG) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM : The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Joe Thomas. 11.00 The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments 12.00 The Inbetweeners 2.15 The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments 3.10 How to... Get Stinking Rich 3.35 How I Met Your Mother 4.20 The Mindy Project 4.40 Revenge MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14 8.55 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 9.15 River Cottage Christmas 10.10 Jamie's Family Christmas 10.40 FILM : A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967) (PG) 12.40 Four in a Bed 3.20 FILM : Pride and Prejudice (2005) (U) 5.50 Stephen Fry's 100 Greatest Gadgets 9.00 It Was Alright in the 1970s 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.15 Shipping Wars 3.35 Close FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15 11.00 Arriety (2010) (U) 1.00 A Knight's Tale (2001) (PG) 3.40 The Longest Day (1962) (PG) 7.10 Men in Black II (2002) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. 9.00 Life of Pi (2012) (PG) Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma. 11.25 WolfCop (2014) (15) 1.00 Thirst (2009) (18) 3.45 Close DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12 6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Three Men in More Than One Boat 8.00 The Indestructibles 10.00 Red Bull X-Fighters 11.00 The Indestructibles 12.35 The Money Pit 1.35 Storage Hunters 2.10 Storage Hunters UK 3.10 Storage Hunters 4.15 FILM : Star Trek: Generations (1994) (PG) 6.30 FILM : The Fugitive (1993) (15) 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 12.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 1.00 Mock the Week 3.00 Only Connect 3.30 Storage Hunters 4.00 Home Shopping SKY1 SKY: 106 6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 7.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew 8.00 Game Changers 8.30 Football Freestyler 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 12.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 Raiders, Raptors and Rebels: Behind the Magic of ILM. The work of George Lucas's special-effects company. 5.00 Supergirl 6.00 The Flash 7.00 Live World Darts Championship. Coverage of the evening session on the third day. 11.00 Hawaii Five-0 3.00 Road Wars 5.00 Nothing to Declare SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108 6.00 Friday Night Lights 7.00 Seinfeld 9.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 11.00 The West Wing 12.00 Cold Case 1.00 The Petrol Age 5.00 Making of David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 6.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 9.00 Game of Thrones 12.50 Louis CK: Oh My God 2.10 Bill Maher: Live from DC 3.30 Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life 4.05 Urban Secrets
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Coastal
Christmas,
5.50pm



BBC2

Live at the
Apollo
Christmas
Special 2015,
10.10pm



ITV

Jekyll and Hyde,
6.30pm



Channel 4

Homeland,
9pm



Channel 5

Britain's
Favourite
Christmas
Songs,
11.20pm



DAYTIME

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6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.35 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Fern Britton Meets Baroness Brady** (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News; Weather** (S) **1.15 FILM Rise of the Guardians** (2012) (PG) (S) **2.40 Merry Madagascar** (S)(R) **3.05 FILM Toy Story 3** (2010) (U) (S) **4.45 The Christmas Big Sing** (S) **5.25 BBC News** (S) **5.40 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.50 Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas** (S) **6.50 Sports Personality of the Year 2015** Live coverage from the SSE Arena in Belfast. (S)

6.15 Big Dreams Small Spaces (S)(R) **7.15 Countryfile** (S)(R) **8.15 An Island Parish: Falklands** (S)(R) **8.45 Natural World: Beavers Behaving Badly** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 Simply Nigella: Christmas Special** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Hi-de-Hi!** (S)(R) **1.45 Equestrian: Olympia** (S) **4.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em** A Christmas edition of the sitcom from 1974. (S)(R) **5.20 Flog It!** (S) **6.25 The Good Life** (S)(R) **6.50 Christmas University Challenge** New series. Featuring famous graduates of University College London and the University of Birmingham. (S)

7.20 To The Manor Born: 25th Anniversary Special Christmas revival from 2007. Audrey and Richard plan a party to celebrate 25 years of marriage. (S)(R)

8.20 FILM Safe Haven (2013) (12) Premiere. A woman trying to make a fresh start in a coastal town realises she must confront the dark past she is running from. Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough. (S)

10.10 Live at the Apollo Christmas Special 2015 Nina Conti hosts a special festive edition of the stand-up show. Last in the series. (S) **10.55 Family Guy** Peter throws Jesus a birthday party. (S)(R)

11.15 The Javone Prince Show Stand-up comedy, sketches and music poking fun at everyday life. (S)(R) **11.45 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm** (S)(R)

12.15 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R) **1.15 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week** (S)(R) **2.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **3.15 Holby City** (S)(R) **4.15 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas** (S)(R)

6.00 CITV 9.25 FIA Formula E Championship (S) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **11.20 ITV News; Weather** (S) **11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.30 The Unforgettable Dick Emery** (S)(R) **1.00 Doc Martin** Bird-spothers invade Portwenn. (S)(R) **3.00 Midsomer Murders** A business executive is murdered. (S)(R) **5.00 Tipping Point for Text Santa** Mark Foster, Bobby George, Chris Kamara and Tanni Grey-Thompson compete. (S) (R) **6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 Jekyll and Hyde** Robert fights with a beautiful vampire. (S)

7.30 The Sound of Music Live! Popular musical The Sound of Music is brought to life on soundstages at London's Three Mills Studio. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.20 FILM Love Actually** (2003) (15) Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Martine McCutcheon, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Bill Nighy and Liam Neeson. (S)

12.45 Jackpot247 **3.00 Motorsport UK** (S) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With James Morrison. (S) **12.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **1.25 FILM Hachi: A Dog's Tale** (2009) (U) (S) **3.15 FILM The Addams Family** (1991) (PG) Black comedy, starring Anjelica Huston. (S) **5.10 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.30 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas** Festive spin-off of the animated films, with the voice of John Leguizamo. (S)(R) **6.00 FILM Home Alone** (1990) (PG) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. (S)

8.00 Bear Goes Wild with Barack Obama Bear Grylls is joined by the US president for his latest adventure, in which the two of them go on a trek across the Alaskan wilderness and observe the effects of climate change. (S)

9.00 Homeland Carrie follows a lead. Penultimate episode of the fifth series of the thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists and problems in their personal lives. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.00 FILM Four Christmases (2008) (12) Comedy, with Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon. (S)

12.40 FILM Airplane! (1980) (PG) (S) **2.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man** (S)(R) **3.05 The Undateables: Two Weddings and a Baby** (S)(R) **3.55 Four in a Bed** (S)(R)

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **12.00 FILM Surf's Up** (2007) (PG) (S) **1.35 FILM The Christmas Switch** (2014) (PG) Fantasy, starring Brian Krause and Cedric Smith. (S) **3.20 FILM Christmas in the City** (2013) (PG) Premiere. Drama, starring Ashley Williams. (S) **5.05 FILM Pinocchio** (1940) (U) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Dick Jones. (S) **6.50 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.55 FILM Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (2008) (12) Action fantasy sequel, starring Ron Perlman. (S)

9.00 FILM War of the Worlds (2005) (12) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise. (S)

11.20 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs A countdown of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing. (S)(R)

2.10 SuperCasino **4.00 House Doctor** (S)(R) **4.25 Make It Big** (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.15 Make It Big** (S) (R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Ed Sheeran **6.10 Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records** **6.35 Emmerdale** **9.20 Coronation Street** **11.45 Keep It in the Family** Christmas Special **12.50 You've Been Framed at Christmas!** **1.20 FILM: Peter Pan** (2003) (PG) **3.30 FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure** (2011) (U) **5.20 Catchphrase Christmas Special** **6.25 The X Factor Winner's Story 2015** **7.30 You've Been Framed at Christmas!** **9.00 FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum** (2007) (12) Spy thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon. **11.15 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special** **12.00 Release the Hounds: Jingle Hell II** **1.05 Tricked** **2.00 FILM: Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (2009) (12) **3.50 Educating Joey Essex: Winter Essex-Pedition** **4.40 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **5.30 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 FILM: Swallows and Amazons (1974) (U) **7.35 Heartbeat** **9.40 Foyle's War** **11.50 FILM: Columbo: It's**

All in the Game (1993) (PG) **1.50 FILM: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (1971) (U) **3.55 Clash of the Santas** **5.55 Michael Biebi: At Home for Christmas** **7.30 Lewis** **9.30 Inspector Morse** **11.45 A Touch of Frost** **1.50 Wycliffe** **2.45 On the Buses** **3.10 ITV3 Nightscreen** **3.40 Emmerdale**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 First Flight **7.10 FILM: G-Force** (2009) (PG) Children's adventure, starring Bill Nighy. **8.30 Don't Tell the Bride - Christmas on Ice** **9.30 Top Gear: Polar Challenge** **10.35 Russell Howard's Good News Extra** **11.15 Family Guy** **12.00 American Dad!** **12.45 Josh** **1.15 The Mighty Boosh** **3.10 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth** **3.25 Cuckoo Christmas Special** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Blood and Gold: The Making of Spain with Simon Sebag Montefiore **8.00 Westminster Abbey** **9.00 Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark** **10.30 Nina Simone & Me** with Laura Mvula **11.00 Bruce Springsteen: The Ties**

That Bind **11.55 Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band: Live From The River Tour 1980** **12.55 Westminster Abbey** **1.55 Tales of Winter: The Art of Snow and Ice** **3.25 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Melissa & Joey **6.20 How I Met Your Mother** **7.05 Baby Daddy** **8.00 Melissa & Joey** **8.55 Made in Chelsea** **10.00 Hollyoaks** **12.30 Couples Come Dine with Me** **2.35 The Big Bang Theory** **6.25 FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (2009) (12) Romantic fantasy sequel, starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. **9.00 FILM: The Inbetweeners 2** (2014) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird. **11.00 The Inbetweeners Go Global** **12.05 The Inbetweeners** **2.20 The Inbetweeners Go Global** **3.15 How to Be a Grown Up** **3.40 Hollyoaks**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.20 Jamie's Comfort Food** **9.50 Come Dine with Me** **12.30 Posh Pawn at Christmas** **1.35 River Cottage Christmas** **2.35 Four in a**

Bed **5.15 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special** **8.00 The Year Britain Froze** **9.00 The World's Weirdest Weather** **10.05 The Storms That Stole Christmas** **11.10 Britain's Most Extreme Weather** **12.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **2.15 Shipping Wars** **3.35 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Porco Rosso (1992) (U) **1.00 Parental Guidance** (2012) (U) **3.05 Bride Wars** (2009) (12) **4.50 Evolution** (2001) (PG) **6.50 Men in Black 3** (2012) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. **9.00 Iron Man 2** (2010) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, with Robert Downey Jr. **11.25 Daredevil** (2003) (15) Comic-book adventure, starring Ben Affleck. **1.30 10 Years** (2011) (12) **3.40 Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.15 Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special** **8.00 Red Bull X-Fighters** **9.00 Ice Road Truckers** **1.00 Storage Hunters UK** **5.00 Top Gear** **6.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race** **7.00 Top Gear India Special**

9.00 Mock the Week **11.00 QI XL** **1.00 Russell Howard's Good News** **2.45 Only Connect** **3.15 Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special** **4.00 Home Shopping**

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00 Monkey Life** **9.00 Supergirl** **10.00 The Flash** **11.00 WWE: Raw** **12.00 Raiders, Raptors and Rebels: Behind the Magic of ILM** **1.00 Best Christmas Movies Ever** **2.30 Modern Family** **5.00 The Simpsons** **5.30 The Muppets** **6.00 Modern Family** **6.30 The Simpsons** **8.00 Arrow** **9.00 Micky Flanagan's Detour de France** **10.00 A League of Their Own** **11.00 Hawaii Five-0** **1.00 Live NFL** **4.30 Road Wars** **5.30 Nothing to Declare**

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Friday Night Lights **7.00 Seinfeld** **12.00 The West Wing** **5.00 David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies** **9.00 Game of Thrones** **12.35 The Affair** **2.55 The Last Panthers** **4.00 Networks of Power** with Sir Christopher Meyer



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BBC1

Match of the Day 2, 10.40pm



6.00 Breakfast (S) 9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited (S)(R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 11.00 Oxford Street Revealed (S)(R) 11.45 Close Calls: On Camera (S)(R) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather (S) 1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 1.45 **FILM** Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) (PG) (S) 3.35 The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper (S)(R) 3.50 **FILM** Shrek 2 (2004) (U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers. (S) 5.15 Pointless (S)(R) 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather (S) 6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes (S)

BBC2

Mock the Week Christmas Special, 10pm



6.20 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 7.20 Oxford Street Revealed (S)(R) 8.05 Family Finders (S) 8.35 Sign Zone: This Wild Life (S)(R) 9.35 **FILM** Flight of the Navigator (1986) (U) (S) 11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (S)(R) 12.00 The Great Pottery Throw Down (S)(R) 1.00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (S)(R) 1.45 The Polar Bear Family and Me (S)(R) 2.45 Coast (S)(R) 3.45 Perry and Croft: Made in Britain (S)(R) 4.15 Alaska - Earth's Frozen Kingdom (S)(R) 5.15 The Great British Bake Off Christmas Masterclass (S)(R) 6.15 **FILM** Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger! (2012) (U) (S)

ITV

The Making of the Sound of Music, 8pm



6.00 CITV 7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) 8.30 Lorraine (S) 9.25 Rebound (S) (R) 10.20 Pick Me! (S)(R) 11.19 ITV Regional Weather (S) 11.20 Big Star's Little Star (S)(R) 12.25 Tipping Point (S)(R) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather (S) 1.55 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 2.00 1000 Heartbeats for Text Santa Tess Daly and Keith Lemon compete. (S)(R) 3.00 Midsomer Murders: Ghosts of Christmas Past A family reunion leads to murder. (S)(R) 5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) 6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (S)

Channel 4

Fargo, 10pm



6.10 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) 6.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 7.25 Frasier (S)(R) 8.50 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 9.50 **FILM** Magic in the Water (1995) (PG) (S) 11.50 **FILM** White Christmas (1954) (U) (S) 2.10 Deal or No Deal Beat-the-banker game show. (S) 3.10 Countdown With Tim Rice in Dictionary Corner. (S) 4.00 Posh Pawnbrokers Dan examines an inherited collection of Swarovski crystals. (S) 5.00 Come Dine with Me Four contestants in Salisbury compete for the £1,000 prize. (S)(R) 6.00 The Simpsons (S) 6.30 Hollyoaks Ste is rushed to hospital. (S)

Channel 5

Kids' Hospital at Christmas: Revisited, 6pm



6.00 Milkshake! 9.35 **FILM** A Monster Christmas (2012) (U) (S) 10.35 **FILM** James and the Giant Peach (1996) (U) (S) 12.05 **FILM** Jack and the Beanstalk (2010) (U) Fantasy adventure, starring Colin Ford and Chloe Grace Moretz. (S) 1.50 **FILM** The Borrowers (1997) (U) (S) 3.30 **FILM** The Family Man (2000) (12) Drama, starring Nicolas Cage. (S) 6.00 Kids' Hospital at Christmas: Revisited Catching up with the six children who featured in the series. (S) 6.55 World's Strongest Man 2015 New series. Action from the Sweden Grand Prix; (S) 5 News Update. (S)

7.00 Cue the Queen: Celebrating the Christmas Speech The history of the monarch's annual televised address to the nation. (S)

8.00 EastEnders Sharon and Kim try to end the feud between their families. (S) 8.30 Miranda Part one of two. The shop owner has two proposals to decide between. (S)(R)

9.00 The John Bishop Christmas Show An evening of festive entertainment, with music by Kylie Minogue, Jess Glynne and Olly Murs, and comedy with Sarah Millican, Danny Bhoj, Tom Allen and Andy Askins. (S)

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S) 10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 10.40 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action. (S)

11.40 Citizen Khan Mr Khan is entrusted with a sum of cash. Last in the series. (S)(R)

12.10 The Graham Norton Show (S) (R) 12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.00 BBC News (S)

8.00 Christmas University Challenge Oriel College, Oxford, takes on Trinity College, Cambridge. (S) 8.30 Only Connect The Cluesmiths take on the Railwaymen in the third quarter-final. (S)

9.00 Gorilla Family and Me Part one of two. Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan travels to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to spend time with a family of Grauer's gorillas, the largest primates on earth. (S)

10.00 Mock the Week Christmas Special A festive edition featuring out-takes and unseen material. (S) 10.35 Russell Howard's Good News (S)(R)

11.05 The Javone Prince Show The comedy actor finds himself under attack by ninjas. (S)(R) 11.35 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm The couple's mortgage falls through. (S)(R)

12.05 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R) 1.05 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R) 2.05 Sign Zone: The Apprentice (S)(R) 3.05 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas (S)(R)

7.00 Emmerdale Laurel is shocked by Ashley's confession. (S) 7.30 Coronation Street Tracy reels as Rob lies to her. (S)

8.00 The Making of the Sound of Music Live Behind the scenes of the musical's production. (S) 8.30 Coronation Street Tracy feeds Robert a pack of lies when she returns from prison. (S)

9.00 Bafta Celebrates Downton Abbey Jonathan Ross hosts a star-studded event honouring the drama ahead of its final episode on Christmas Day. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 10.40 **FILM** Music and Lyrics (2007) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore. (S)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Food Unwrapped at Christmas Matt Tebbutt, Kate Quilton and Jimmy Doherty present a festive edition of the food investigation series, identifying cost-effective alternatives to traditional Christmas fare. (S)

9.00 The Rich Kids of Instagram: Cutting Edge Documentary examining the lives of affluent young people who use photo and video-sharing service Instagram to flaunt their luxurious lifestyles online. (S)

10.00 Fargo Peggy and Ed make a run for it as the series of events started by Rye Gerhardt in the Waffle Hut diner reach a startling climax. With Kirsten Dunst. Last in the series. (S)

11.10 **FILM** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2011) (12) Fantasy thriller sequel, with Nicolas Cage, Idris Elba and Claran Hinds. (S)

12.55 **FILM** Airplane II: The Sequel (1982) (15) (S) 2.25 Josh Widdicombe: And Another Thing (S)(R) 3.20 Grand Designs Australia (S) 4.15 Benchmark (S) 5.00 Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

8.00 Chris Tarrant on the Polar Express Chris sets out to reach the northernmost railway station on Earth in an epic 2,000-mile adventure from Moscow to Arctic Siberia; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 All New Shocking Moments in Pop 2 Celebrating outrageous events from the world of pop music, including Grace Jones hitting Russell Harty on his chat show, and George Michael's dubious driving. (S)

12.00 The Last Hours of Amy Winehouse (S)(R) 1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 My Crazy Christmas Obsession (S) (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 4.25 Divine Designs (S)(R) 4.45 House Doctor (S) (R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6 6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.20 You've Been Framed! 6.50 Emmerdale 7.20 Coronation Street 7.50 The Corrie Years 8.20 The Cube Celebrity Special: McFly 9.20 The X Factor Winner's Story 2015 10.20 **FILM**: Beethoven (1992) (U) 12.10 Emmerdale 12.40 Coronation Street 1.10 You've Been Framed! 1.40 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special 2.40 Jeremy Kyle: Festive Fallouts 6.00 Judge Rinder for Text Santa 7.00 You've Been Framed! 7.30 You've Been Framed at Christmas! 8.00 Two and a Half Men 9.00 **FILM**: The Holiday (2006) (12) 11.45 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special 12.45 Two and a Half Men 1.10 Scorpion 1.55 **FILM**: Mickey Blue Eyes (1999) (15) 3.35 Educating Joey Essex: Supermodel Student 4.25 The Cube 5.15 Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records 5.40 The Hot Desk: Ella Eyre 6.00 On the Buses 6.25 Wycliffe 7.20 **FILM**: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) 9.20 Clash of the Santas

11.05 Inspector Morse 1.25 Heidi 3.45 **FILM**: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) 5.40 Inspector Morse 8.00 Foyle's War 10.00 Endeavour 12.05 **FILM**: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) 2.05 If I Had You 3.45 Inspector Morse 5.35 ITV3 Nightscreen BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7 7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Don't Tell the Bride: Christmas in Wonderland 9.00 Reggie Yates's Extreme UK: Dying for a Six Pack 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Bad Education Christmas Special 11.00 American Dad! 11.45 Family Guy 12.30 Reggie Yates's Extreme UK: Dying for a Six Pack 1.30 Bad Education Christmas Special 2.00 Josh 3.00 Reggie Yates's Extreme UK: Dying for a Six Pack BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9 7.00 Children Talking 7.30 London to Brighton in Four Minutes: Side by Side 7.35 Play School 8.00 John Craven's Newsround 8.10 Blue Peter 8.35 Grange Hill 9.00 From Andy Pandy to Zedee: The Golden Age of Children's TV 10.00 Top of the Pops Christmas: 1979 11.00 Mumbai High: The Musical 12.00 Cilla at the

BBC 1.00 Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities 2.00 The Fisherman's Apprentice with Monty Halls 3.00 From Andy Pandy to Zedee: The Golden Age of Children's TV 4.00 Close E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28 6.00 The Mindy Project 6.20 The Bear 6.50 Charmed 8.30 Hollyoaks 9.00 Little Wolf's Book of Badness 9.35 How I Met Your Mother 10.00 Melissa & Joey 11.00 Charmed 1.00 How I Met Your Mother 2.00 The Big Bang Theory 3.00 Melissa & Joey 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Hollyoaks 7.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Made in Chelsea: Christmas 10.00 Scream Queens 11.00 Gogglebox 1.05 The Big Bang Theory 2.00 How to Be a 21st-Century Man 2.25 Made in Chelsea: Christmas 3.20 Scream Queens 4.05 Rules of Engagement 4.25 Rude(ish) Tube 4.50 The Bear MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14 8.55 The Forgotten Gunners of WW1: A Time Team Special 10.00 Jamie's Family Christmas 10.30 **FILM**:

Escape to Athena (1979) (PG) 12.55 Come Dine with Me 3.35 Jamie's Cracking Christmas 4.40 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 5.45 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 6.50 George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces 7.55 Grand Designs 9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special 10.00 Father Ted Christmas Special 11.15 My Granny the Escort 12.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.20 Shipping Wars **FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15** 11.00 Laputa: Castle in the Sky (1986) (PG) 1.35 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) (PG) 3.25 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) 5.10 Catch That Kid (2004) (PG) 6.55 Tower Heist (2011) (12) 9.00 Battleship (2012) (12) 11.35 I Give It a Year (2013) (15) 1.30 The Others (2001) (12) 3.40 Close DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12 6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green 8.00 Trawlermen 9.00 Storage Hunters 10.00 Storage Hunters UK 11.00 Ice Road Truckers 12.00 Top Gear India Special 2.00 Top Gear 4.00 Top

Gear: Polar Challenge 5.00 Top Gear 7.00 QI XL 9.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 11.00 QI XL 12.00 Would I Lie to You? 2.00 QI XL 3.00 Storage Hunters UK 4.00 Home Shopping SKY1 SKY: 106 6.00 The Flash 8.00 Monkey Life 10.00 Hawaii Five-0 12.00 Futurama 2.00 Moonfleet 4.00 The Simpsons 4.30 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 The Muppets 8.30 Modern Family 9.00 Star Wars: The Force Awakens - On Set 9.30 A League of Their Own 10.00 **FILM**: Bad Boys (1995) (18) 12.20 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 1.20 Hawaii Five-0 3.15 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.10 The Flash SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108 6.00 Seinfeld 8.00 The British 9.00 Seinfeld 10.00 Without a Trace 2.00 Blue Bloods 7.00 David Attenborough's Flying Monsters 8.30 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough 9.00 Game of Thrones 2.00 Olive Kitteridge 4.15 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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BBC1

Holby City,
8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited** (S)(R) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S)(R) **11.45 Close Calls: On Camera** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News at One**; **Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 FILM Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom** (1984) (PG) (S) **3.35 FILM Puss in Boots: The Three Diablos** (2012) (U) (S) **3.50 FILM Shrek the Third** (2007) (U) (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six**; **Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind New series. With Ricky Hatton, Tony Singh, Ardal O'Hanlon and Kate Bliss. (S)
7.30 EastEnders A few truths come to light as Vincent and Phil confront each other. (S)

8.00 Holby City Troubled nurse Fran returns to Holby and is determined to get Jac's full attention, with near tragic consequences, while Sacha treats the man who bullied him at school. (S)

9.00 Luther Part two of two. Luther is forced to put himself and new colleague Emma into the heart of danger to try and stop the cannibalistic killer. Drama, starring Idris Elba. (S)

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; (S)
National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 Take That on Tour Behind the scenes of Gary Barlow, Mark Owen and Howard Donald's first tour as a three-piece. (S)

11.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to arrange the perfect family Christmas. (S)(R)

12.05 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.10 BBC News** (S)

BBC2

Back in Time
for Christmas,
6.30pm

6.50 Oxford Street Revealed (S)(R) **7.35 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas** (S)(R) **8.20 Sign Zone: This Wild Life** (S)(R) **8.50 Sign Zone: Simply Nigella** (S)(R) **9.20 FILM Tintin and the Mystery of the Golden Fleece** (1961) (PG) (S) **11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure** (S)(R) **12.00 The Great Pottery Throw Down** (S)(R) **1.00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em** (S)(R) **1.45 The Polar Bear Family and Me** (S)(R) **2.45 Coast** (S)(R) **3.45 Perry and Croft: Made in Britain** (S)(R) **4.15 Alaska - Earth's Frozen Kingdom** (S)(R) **5.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S)(R) **6.30 Back in Time for Christmas** (S)(R)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge Manchester University takes on the University of East Anglia. (S)

8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals The five finalists are reduced to four in an invention test, before the remaining chefs are each put in charge of a course at a prestigious dinner for 22 Michelin-starred chefs. (S)

9.00 We're Doomed!: The Dad's Army Story Comedy drama about how Jimmy Perry and David Croft overcame BBC management scepticism and focus groups to get the sitcom Dad's Army on air. (S)

10.00 QI Christmas Festive edition, with Carrie Fisher, Bill Bailey and Jimmy Carr. (S)(R)
10.30 FILM Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa (2013) (15) Comedy, starring Steve Coogan and Colm Meaney. (S)

11.55 The Javone Prince Show With soul singer Carleen Anderson. (S)(R)

12.25 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S) **1.15 FILM Salvage** (2009) (18) (S) **2.30 Sign Zone: The Hunt** (S)(R) **3.30 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas** (S)(R) **4.15 The Naked Choir** with Gareth Malone (S)(R)

ITV

Midsomer
Murders,
8pm

6.00 CITV 7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 Rebound** (S)(R) **10.25 Pick Me!** (S)(R) **11.29 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **11.30 Big Star's Little Star** (S)(R) **12.30 Off Their Rockers** (S)(R) **1.00 Celebrity Squares** (S)(R) **1.45 ITV Lunchtime News**; **Weather** (S) **2.10 ITV Regional News**; **Weather** (S) **2.15 Judge Rinder for Text Santa** Father Christmas arrives in court. (S)(R) **3.20 FILM Liar Liar** (1997) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. (S) **5.00 The Chase Quiz show**, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News**; **Weather** (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News**; **Weather** (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Gordon arrives in town and offers Aaron a deal. (S)
7.30 Lonely This Christmas: Tonight A report on the thousands of people who will be alone at Christmas. (S)

8.00 Midsomer Murders Christmas is coming and Barnaby is soon to be a father, but the festive mood changes when a man is stabbed to death with an antique sword during a ghost-hunting party. (S)(R)

10.00 ITV News; **Weather** (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; **Weather** (S)
10.40 The Jonathan Ross Show With guests Harrison Ford, David Walliams, Jamie Oliver and Jess Glynne. (S)(R)

11.45 FILM Mickey Blue Eyes (1999) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn. (S)

1.30 Jackpot247 **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA** (S)(R) **3.40 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

Channel 4

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at Christmas,
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6.20 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.55 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.20 FILM Space Chimps** (2008) (U) (S) **11.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.25 FILM Five Children and It** (2004) (U) (S) **2.10 Deal or No Deal Double Trouble: Christmas Leftovers** Noel Edmonds welcomes back contestants from previous Double Trouble specials. (S) **3.10 Countdown** (S) **4.00 Posh Pawnbrokers** (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me Christmas Special** (S)(R) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S) **6.30 Hollyoaks** Ned and Edna tie the knot. (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 How the Rich Live Longer Dr Christian Jessen investigates what the super-rich are willing to spend their wealth on in an attempt to live longer and, in some cases, forever. (S)

9.00 The Supertvet at Christmas Festive edition of the documentary. A sleigh-pulling Alaskan malamute needs both knees replacing with implants, but his owners are forced to make a difficult decision. (S)

10.00 That's So Last Century Home and leisure must-haves from the 20th century, including electric carving knives, egg scramblers, shell suits, and Jane Fonda exercise videos. Last in the series. (S)

11.00 The Children Who Beat Ebola Documentary about five children in Sierra Leone who beat the ebola virus and then overcome loss and stigma to rebuild their lives. (S)

12.00 Rewind the Christmas Hits (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Shakespeare in Love** (1998) (15) (S) **3.35 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** (S)(R) **4.30 Benchmark** (S) **5.20 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Michael
Buble's
Christmas
2015,
9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 World's Strongest Man 2015 (S) **10.15 Ice Road Truckers** (S)(R) **11.20 FILM The Flight Before Christmas** (2008) (U) (S) **12.50 FILM The Elf That Rescued Christmas** (2011) (U) (S) **2.20 FILM The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey** (2007) (U) Premiere. Family drama, starring Tom Berenger. (S) **4.05 FILM The Secret Garden** (1993) (U) Children's drama, starring Kate Maberly. (S) **6.00 A Primary School Nativity** (S) **6.55 World's Strongest Man 2015** The Viking Challenge; (S) **5 News Update**. (S)

8.00 The Dog Rescuers at Christmas with Alan Davies Alan Davies throws a party for some of the series' stars; (S) **5 News Update** (S)

9.00 Michael Buble's Christmas 2015 The crooner's fifth Christmas special sees him take to the stage in Los Angeles, with guest appearances by Celine Dion, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings, and Tori Kelly. (S)

10.00 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies Countdown of the best festive films, from It's a Wonderful Life to Bad Santa. (S)(R)

12.50 Crackers About Christmas (S)(R) **1.50 SuperCasino** **4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge** (S)(R) **4.25 Divine Designs** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Little Mix **6.10 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **6.30 You've Been Framed!** **6.55 Emmerdale** **7.20 Coronation Street** **8.20 The Cube** **9.15 1000 Heartbeats for Text Santa** **10.20 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd** (1993) (U) **12.10 Emmerdale** **12.40 Coronation Street** **1.40 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special** **2.40 Jeremy Kyle: Festive Fallouts** **6.00 You've Been Framed!** **6.30 You've Been Framed at Christmas!** **7.50 Take Me Out** **9.00 Christmas Special** **9.15 Love Actually** (2003) (15) **11.45 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special** **12.45 Two and a Half Men** **1.15 The Vampire Diaries** **2.05 Tricked: Fright Night** **3.00 The Office Xmas Party** **3.50 The Cube - Celebrity Special** **4.35 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **5.25 The Hot Desk: Ed Sheeran**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10 In Loving Memory** **6.35 FILM: The Secret of My Success** (1987) (PG) **8.30 Clash of the Santas** **10.30 FILM: The Best of Benny Hill** (1974)

(PG) **12.15 The Royal** **1.20 Heidi** **3.20 Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles** **5.40 Inspector Morse** **8.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs** **9.30 Vicious** **10.00 Endeavour** **12.00 Wyldlife** **1.45 Lewis** **3.30 FILM: Murder on the Orient Express** (1974) (PG)

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Legend of the Boneknapper Dragon **7.15 Kung Fu Panda Holiday** **7.35 FILM: Kung Fu Panda** (2008) (PG) **9.00 Don't Tell the Bride** **10.00 EastEnders** **10.30 Rent a Cop: Christmas Special** **11.00 Family Guy** **12.30 Rent a Cop: Christmas Special** **1.00 Don't Tell the Bride** **2.00 Reggie Yates's Extreme UK: Dying for a Six Pack** **3.00 Don't Tell the Bride** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Children Talking **7.30 The Fir Tree** **8.00 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions** **9.00 Blood and Gold: The Making of Spain with Simon Sebag Montefiore** **10.00 10 Things You Didn't Know About Avalanches** **11.00 FILM: The Third Man** (1949) (PG) **12.40 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions** **1.40 Bright Lights**, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **2.40 Blood and Gold: The Making of Spain with Simon Sebag Montefiore** **3.40 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 The Mindy Project **6.20 Little Wolf's Book of Badness** **6.50 Charmed** **8.30 Hollyoaks** **9.00 Famous Fred** **9.35 How I Met Your Mother** **10.00 Melissa & Joey** **11.00 Charmed** **1.00 How I Met Your Mother** **2.00 The Big Bang Theory** **3.00 Melissa & Joey** **4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **5.00 How I Met Your Mother** **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **7.00 Hollyoaks** **7.30 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 Tattoo Fixers** **10.00 Tripped** **10.55 The Big Bang Theory** **11.55 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker** **2014** **1.00 Rules of Engagement** **2.00 How I Met Your Mother** **2.45 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker** **2014** **3.40 How to Be a 21st-Century Woman** **4.05 Rules of Engagement** **4.30 Rude(ish) Tube**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Time Team **10.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** **10.20 FILM: Reap the Wild Wind** (1942) (PG) **12.55 Come**

Dine with Me **Celebrity Christmas Special** **3.35 River Cottage Christmas** **4.40 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** **5.45 A Place in the Sun** **6.50 George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces** **7.55 Grand Designs** **9.00 Building the Dream** **10.00 The Hoarder Next Door** **Christmas Special** **11.10 The Mega Brothel** **12.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **2.10 Shipping Wars**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind (1984) (PG) **1.25 The Spy Next Door** (2010) (PG) **3.15 Dr Seuss' The Lorax** (2012) (U) **4.55 Black Knight** (2001) (PG) **6.40 Beautiful Creatures** (2013) (12) **9.00 Ted** (2012) (15) **11.05 GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra** (2009) (12) **1.20 Conan the Barbarian** (1982) (15) **3.55 Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green** **8.00 Trawlermen** **9.00 Storage Hunters** **10.00 Storage Hunters UK** **11.00 Ice Road Truckers** **12.00 Top Gear: Polar Challenge** **1.00 FILM: The Hunt for Red October** (1990) (PG) **3.30 Storage Hunters UK**

4.00 Top Gear Vietnam Special **5.30 Top Gear** **7.30 Storage Hunters** **8.00 Storage Hunters UK** **9.00 Would I Lie to You?** **11.00 QI Christmas XL** **12.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible** **2.00 QI XL** **3.00 Storage Hunters UK** **4.00 Home Shopping**

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 The Flash **8.00 Futurama** **10.00 Hawaii Five-O** **12.00 Futurama** **2.00 Treasure Island** **4.00 The Simpsons** **4.30 Modern Family** **6.30 The Simpsons** **8.00 Greatest Disney Songs** **9.00 A League of Their Own: Christmas Party** **10.00 Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life** **11.00 A League of Their Own** **12.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo** **1.00 Hawaii Five-O** **3.00 Road Wars** **4.00 The Flash**

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6.00 Seinfeld **8.00 The British** **9.00 Without a Trace** **2.00 Blue Bloods** **8.00 Micro Monsters** with David Attenborough **9.00 Game of Thrones** **1.35 Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life** **2.05 Olive Kitteridge** **4.15 Networks of Power** with Sir Christopher Meyer

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BBC1

Boomers,
9.30pm

6.00 Breakfast 9.15 David Suchet: In the Footsteps of St Paul 10.15 Cue the Queen: Celebrating the Christmas Speech (S)(R) 11.15 Eat Well for Less at Christmas? (S)(R) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather (S) 1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 1.45 **FILM Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) (PG) (S) 3.40 **Donkey's Caroling Xmas-Tacular (S) 3.50 **FILM** Shrek Forever After (2010) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Mike Myers. (S) 5.15 **Pointless (S)(R) 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather (S) 6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes (S)******

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind With Cheryl Fergison, Stacey Dooley, Kellie Maloney and Jane Hazlegrove. (S)
7.30 A Question Of Sport Christmas Special A festive edition of the quiz, hosted by Sue Barker. (S)

8.00 EastEnders Vincent comes up with a dangerous plan of revenge against Phil. (S)
8.30 Snow Chick: A Penguin's Tale Following the first months in the life of an emperor penguin. (S)

9.30 Boomers The couples have an uncomfortable train journey on Christmas Eve. (S)

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S) 10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S) 10.35 Peter Kay's Car Share (S)(R)

11.05 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes agrees to stage a nativity play at the community centre. (S)(R)
11.35 **FILM Meet the Fockers (2004) (12)** Comedy sequel, with Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro. (S)

1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.30 BBC News (S)

BBC2

Christmas
Shopping Fever
2015: John
Lewis and the
Retail Race,
9.30pm

6.55 Oxford Street Revealed (S)(R) 7.40 James Martin - Home Comforts at Christmas (S)(R) 8.25 Sign Zone: This Wild Life (S)(R) 8.55 Sign Zone: Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip (S)(R) 9.25 **FILM Short Circuit (1986) (PG) (S) 11.00 **Equestrian: Olympia 2015 Highlights (S) 12.00 The Great Pottery Throw Down (S)(R) 1.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (S)(R) 1.45 The Polar Bear Family and Me (S) (R) 2.45 Coast (S)(R) 3.45 Perry and Croft: Made in Britain (S)(R) 4.15 Alaska - Earth's Frozen Kingdom (S)(R) 5.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 6.00 Back in Time for Christmas (S)(R)****

7.00 Gorilla Family and Me Part one of two. Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan travels to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to spend time with a family of Grauer's gorillas, the largest primates on earth. (S)(R)

8.00 Christmas University Challenge Christ's College, Cambridge takes on the University of Essex. (S)
8.30 MasterChef: The Professionals (S)

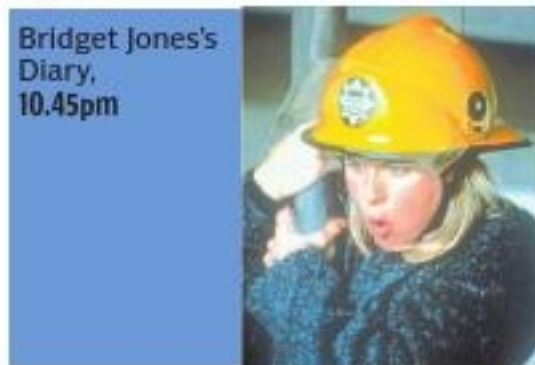
9.30 Christmas Shopping Fever 2015: John Lewis and the Retail Race Cherry Healey goes behind the scenes of one of the nation's biggest stores to find out how it deals with the pressure of Christmas. (S)

10.30 Goodness Gracious Me Special One-off edition of the sketch show, starring Meera Syal. (S)(R)

11.00 TOTP2: Christmas 2015 Christmas-themed hits from the archive, including songs by Tom Jones, Wizzard, Slade, Jona Lewie, Shakin' Stevens, Pulp and Cilla Black. (S)(R)

12.00 The Javone Prince Show (S)(R) 12.30 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm (S)(R) 1.00 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R) 2.00 Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R)

ITV

Bridget Jones's
Diary,
10.45pm

6.00 CITV 7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) 8.30 Lorraine (S) 9.25 Rebound (S) (R) 10.25 Pick Me! (S)(R) 11.24 ITV Regional Weather (S) 11.25 Catchphrase (S)(R) 12.10 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather (S) 12.35 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 12.45 **FILM Bean (1997) (PG) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson, Burt Reynolds and Peter MacNicol. (S) 2.25 **The Sound of Music Live!** TV dramatisation of the popular musical. (S)(R) 5.00 **The Chase for Text Santa** Special celebrity edition linked with the TV appeal. (S)(R) 6.00 **ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (S)****

7.00 Emmerdale Aaron is persuaded to help with a robbery. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street David's heart sinks when he bumps into Marion. (S)

8.00 All Star Mr & Mrs Festive special of the family game show, where celebrity guests Martine McCutcheon, Harry Redknapp and Gwyneth Strong and their partners reveal how much they know about each other. (S)

9.00 Prey Murdoch is forced into one last mission before Lucy can be freed but, as ever, Reinhardt is in relentless pursuit of her prey. Starring Philip Glenister. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 10.45 **FILM Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) (15)** Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, with Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. (S)

12.30 Jackpot247 3.00 Ejector Seat (S) (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Posh Pawn at
Christmas,
8pm

6.25 Small Animal Hospital (S) 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 7.35 **FILM The Rugrats Movie (1999) (U) (S) 9.00 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.30 **FILM** Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back (2010) (U) (S) 12.00 The Simpsons (S)(R) 12.30 **FILM** Aliens in the Attic (2009) (PG) (S) 2.10 Deal or No Deal Beat-the-banker game show. (S) 3.10 Countdown (S) 4.00 **Posh Pawnbrokers** Items include a paraglider, an Indian diamond bracelet, and a narrowboat. (S) 5.00 **Celebrity Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 6.00 The Simpsons (S) 6.30 Hollyoaks** Ziggy tries to save Leela. (S)**

7.00 Channel 4 News (S) 7.30 **FILM Toy Story Of TERROR! (2013) (U)** Premiere. Animated Halloween special, with the voice of Tom Hanks. (S)

8.00 Posh Pawn at Christmas Prestige Pawnbrokers managing director James struggles to get into the festive spirit, until a day at the track with superbike champion Carl Fogarty secures him a charity deal. (S)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A 51-year-old builder is rushed into A&E after falling 18 feet from scaffolding onto concrete, while an 86-year-old retired policeman is brought in with a head injury. (S)

10.00 Toast of London Steven begs Jane to get him in at the Globe Theatre. Last in the series. (S)
10.30 Father Ted Christmas Special Festive edition from 1996. (S)(R)

11.35 Father Ted Dougal and Ted write a song for entry in a singing competition. (S)(R)

12.05 Father Ted (S)(R) 12.35 4Music: Best Before: Music on 4 (S) 1.00 The IT Crowd (S)(R) 1.55 The IT Crowd (S)(R) 2.25 The IT Crowd (S)(R) 2.50 The IT Crowd (S)(R) 3.15 **FILM The War Wagon (1967) (U) (S)**

Channel 5

Christmas
with Britain's
Biggest Family,
10pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.40 **FILM Angel at Christmas (2012) (PG)** Premiere. Family drama, starring Della Reese. (S)
11.20 **FILM Fly Away Home (1996) (U)** Family adventure, starring Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin. (S) 1.30 **World's Strongest Man 2015** The World Deadlift Championships. (S) 2.30 **FILM** The Glenn Miller Story (1954) (U) Musical biopic, starring James Stewart. (S) 4.50 **FILM** Clash of the Titans (1981) (PG) A hero of ancient Greece journeys into the underworld to save a princess from being sacrificed to a sea monster. Mythical adventure, starring Harry Hamlin. (S)

7.00 World's Strongest Man 2015 Europe's Strongest Man. Action from the contest, which took place at Headingley; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors A woman with injuries sustained in a fight, on top of ongoing alcoholism and depression, makes a return visit; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Christmas Special The debt collection agents grapple with moral dilemmas during the festive period. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 Christmas with Britain's Biggest Family Documentary filmed between Christmas Eve and Boxing Day 2014, exploring what it is like preparing for and enjoying Christmas for larger families. (S)

11.00 On Benefits: Cashing In for Christmas Christmas for people living on state welfare. (S)(R)

12.00 Michael Buble's Christmas Songbook (S)(R) 1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 GPs: Behind Closed Doors (S)(R) 4.00 Michael's Wild Challenge (S)(R) 4.25 Divine Designs (S)(R) 4.50 House Doctor (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.20 You've Been Framed! 6.50 Emmerdale 7.20 The X Factor Winner's Story 2015 8.20 The Cube Gold Medalist Special 9.20 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out 10.20 **FILM**: The Flintstones (1994) (U) 12.10 **Emmerdale 12.40 You've Been Framed! Top 100 Kids 1.40 All Star Family Fortunes** Christmas Special **2.40** Jeremy Kyle: Festive Fallouts **6.00 Catchphrase** Christmas Special **7.00 **FILM**: Uncle Buck (1989) (12) 9.00 Pampered Pooches: Hollywood 10.00 Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 2 11.05 **FILM**: The Bourne Identity (2002) (12) 1.20 Release the Hounds: Jingle Hell 2.15 Tricked 3.00 The Office Xmas Party 3.50 Educating Joey Essex: Space Cadet 4.40 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 5.30 The Hot Desk: Alesha Dixon 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now 6.10 George and Mildred 6.35 Wycliffe 7.40 Inspector Morse 10.00 Where the Heart****

Is 11.35 Rising Damp 12.05 A Christmas Carol 1.40 Goodnight Mister Tom 3.50 A Touch of Frost 5.55 Goodbye Mr Chips 8.00 **FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) 10.05 Endeavour 12.05 Goodnight Mister Tom 2.10 A Touch of Frost 3.55 Inspector Morse 5.45 ITV3 Nightscreen
BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper 7.10 The Gruffalo 7.40 **FILM: Madagascar (2005) (U) 9.00 Live at the Apollo 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Cuckoo Christmas Special 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad! 12.05 Family Guy 12.30 Live at the Apollo 1.30 Cuckoo Christmas Special 2.00 Rent a Cop: Christmas Special 2.30 Murder in Successville
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MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Time Team 10.00 Jamie's Family Christmas 10.35 River Cottage Bites 10.55 **FILM: A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967) (PG) 12.55 Come Dine with Me Christmas 3.35 Jimmy's Grow Your Own Christmas Dinner 4.40 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 5.45 A******

**Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 6.50 Jamie's Cracking Christmas 7.55 Grand Designs 9.00 Car SOS 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special 11.00 My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas 12.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.10 Shipping Wars 3.50 Close
FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
**11.00 The Cat Returns (2002) (U) 12.40 Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG) 2.30 Millions (2004) (12) 4.20 Hairspray (2007) (PG) 6.35 Life of Pi (2012) (PG) 9.00 The Purge (2013) (15) 10.40 In Fear (2013) (15) 12.20 Max Payne (2008) (15) 2.20 Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (2010) (15) 4.00 Close
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green 8.00 Trawlermen 9.00 Storage Hunters 10.00 Storage Hunters UK 11.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 12.00 Top Gear Vietnam Special 1.30 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 3.30 Storage Hunters UK 4.00 Top Gear 5.40 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special 6.40****

**Traffic Cops 8.00 Storage Hunters UK 9.00 QI Christmas XL 10.00 Alan Davies: Xmas Untitled 11.00 QI XL 12.00 Mock the Week Christmas Special 12.40 Mock the Week 2.00 QI XL 3.00 Storage Hunters UK 4.00 Home Shopping
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**6.00 The Flash 8.00 Futurama 10.00 Hawaii Five-O 12.00 Futurama 2.00 Treasure Island 4.00 The Simpsons 4.30 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 9.00 Trolled: A Christmas Carol 10.00 Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life 11.00 A League of Their Own 12.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 1.00 Hawaii Five-O 3.00 Road Wars 4.00 The Flash
SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld 8.00 The British 9.00 Without a Trace 2.00 Blue Bloods 8.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough 9.00 The Affair 11.20 Game of Thrones 1.40 The Last Panthers 2.40 Requiem For The Dead: An American Spring 2014 4.00 The Petrol Age****



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What's on | NEWS

The Snow Dragon: Spoilt Billy learns a very valuable lesson

BILLY the Goat is used to getting everything he wants from his parents so when he doesn't, he steals from his friends.

On New Year's Eve he is looking forward to the legendary Snow Dragon's annual visit to bring him even more goodies during the night.

But when he bumps into some hungry wolves in the forest, New Year's Day seems a long way off.

Will Billy escape? Has he been naughty or nice?

The story unfolds when 'The Snow Dragon' visits Didcot's Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot running from Saturday, December 19, until Christmas Eve.

"A good story is a good story whatever the age and it is a lovely experience to share with your young ones, which can give you plenty to talk about," actor Alistair Chisholm, who plays Spike the Hedgehog, told the Guardian.

"I'm really looking forward to it." It stars Louise Mai Newberry as

By James Richings

Rosie the Piglet, William Croft as Billy the Goat and Alistair who also plays Billy's dad and a wolf.

The tale is a Tall Stories production, the same company that brought The Gruffalo and The Snail and the Whale to the stage.

Aimed at ages three and up, the show includes catchy songs, special lighting and an imaginative set.

"I love performing for young people and families and it is lovely to part of a family's build-up to Christmas," Alistair said.

"Youngsters can experience stories in a safe environment with their adult, and in a world of many distractions. It is great to be able to sit and give all your concentration over to one thing."

Tickets cost £7 to £12.50.

A relaxed version of the show will be held at 2pm on Tuesday, December 22, for children on the autistic spectrum or other disabilities.



• (From left) Louise Mai Newberry, William Croft and Alistair Chisholm

'Annie' on stage

OLD favourite 'Annie' is running at Oxford's New Theatre until Sunday, January 3.

The musical started on December 15, and stars former 'I'd do Anything' winner Jodie Prenger as Miss Hannigan.

Tickets cost £12.50 to £43.50.

Covers night

HIPPY Haze will be performing at The Dolphin in Wallingford on Sunday, December 20.

The Oxford based covers group will play songs from the likes of The Kinks, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones and more.

The free event starts at 8.30pm.


The Quentins

OXFORD based band The Quentins will be performing at the O2 Academy in Oxford tonight, December 17.

Consisting of Harold Sebastian Wragg, Nicholas Terrance Ormrod, Quentin Desmond Dercon and Jonathan Rufus Henry, the four friends will be supported by The Russian Cowboys, Esther Joy Lane and Strike One.

The Cowley Road gig starts at 6pm.


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Pantomime

JACK and the Beanstalk will be at The Beacon in Wantage on Wednesday, December 23.

The pantomime, performed by Talegate Theatre Company, will follow what happens to Jack when he sells his cow for magic beans.

Tickets cost £8 or £30 for a family of four.

A matinee performance at The Portway venue starts at 2pm, followed by an evening production at 7pm.

Final show

CARTERTON-BASED covers band Fly on the Wall will be playing their last ever gig in Bampton on Saturday, December 19.

The Romany Inn hosts the four-piece group showcasing rock cover songs and some originals.

The free gig starts at 9pm.

Rock and pop

BACK to Square One will throw in some Christmas songs alongside rock and pop covers for a show in Abingdon on Saturday, December 19.

The Stevenage-based five-piece will perform a free gig covering the 50s to the 00s in Market Place from 1.30pm.

Dear Father Christmas...

IT is nearly the big day and Father Christmas is in a bit of a pickle.

The presents are all muddled up, a bag of letters has been misplaced, the elves are panicking, and to top it all off the North Pole Polar Bear has gone missing.

But can Santa save Christmas? Find out at the Oxford Playhouse in 'Dear Father Christmas'.

"I am playing Father Christmas amongst others, and at my grand old age I know an awful lot about him," actor Clive Duncan told the Guardian.

"I've always been intrigued as to how he can deliver all those presents in one night!"

The production is aimed at children aged three to six.

The play debuted for the year on December 10 and runs until January 3, during which Clive will step out on the Beaumont Street stage 48 times.

But shows are selling out fast. "Theatre offers us storytelling in a different form to reading or film or TV - it is live and it is

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shared," Clive said.

"The great thing about theatre is that people in the same auditorium are seeing slightly different things depending on where they are looking and on how they interpret the story."

"The importance of family visits is how they can take it home and talk about it, as Christmas is an occasion which should be shared."

He added: "Expect a good story with lots of fun but also, as it is for young children, it is not too brash or loud."

"Lots of children easily get overwhelmed by loud music, bright lights and so on so this is much more gentle but really connects to the theme of Christmas."

"I was attracted to the production it is a very good example of what theatre for children should be. It has a good story, it is simple, it uses imaginative theatrical conventions and it isn't patronising."

Tickets cost £6 to £9.



• Clive Duncan (photo by Geraint Lewis)

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Headline Act

Otiz Cannelloni combines the illusion of magic and the wit of stand up to produce a hybrid comic creation. With a mind more suited to testing crash helmets, his performance fluctuates between sheer genius and downright stupidity.

Just when you suspect he doesn't have a clue, Cannelloni removes all doubt. When this man is on stage the dressing room empties, as the rest of the comics rush to watch and learn from his mistakes. It's taken years of practice to make something so simple look so difficult.

Despite various television appearances – **The Stand Up Show BBC 1** - **Stuff The White Rabbit BBC 2** - producers are prepared to forgive and forget, mostly forget.

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Belshazzar's Feast

FOLK duo Belshazzar's Feast will coax out some Christmas spirit in Nettlebed on Monday, December 21.

Paul Sartin and Paul Hutchinson arrive in the village as part of their '2015 Stocking Fillers Tour' at Nettlebed Folk Club near Wallingford.

The two friends will be performing tracks off their latest album, 'The Whiting's on the Wall', as well as hits from their other five and some unheard material.

"It's always a pleasure to be coming back," Paul S said.

"I first came to the club (as a member of the audience) nearly 20 years ago, and we did a guest spot shortly after that.

"There are still a lot of old and familiar faces, so presumably some people have never left the building."

Named after their fifth album released in 2012, the duos 'Stocking Fillers' tour is coming to the end of their run of shows across the UK.

Nettlebed is the penultimate gig of their tour before, finishing in Burgess Hill the next day.

But there will be one more treat for Belshazzar's Feast fans, as the musi-

By James Richings

cians will be performing live on the Claire Balding Show on Radio 2 on Christmas morning.

"We very much enjoy audience participation and interaction during the evening, be it joining in with choruses, heckling or buying lots of CDs," he told the Guardian.

"It goes without saying, although we're saying it, that we'd be nothing without our audience so if they appreciate the evening, all the better."

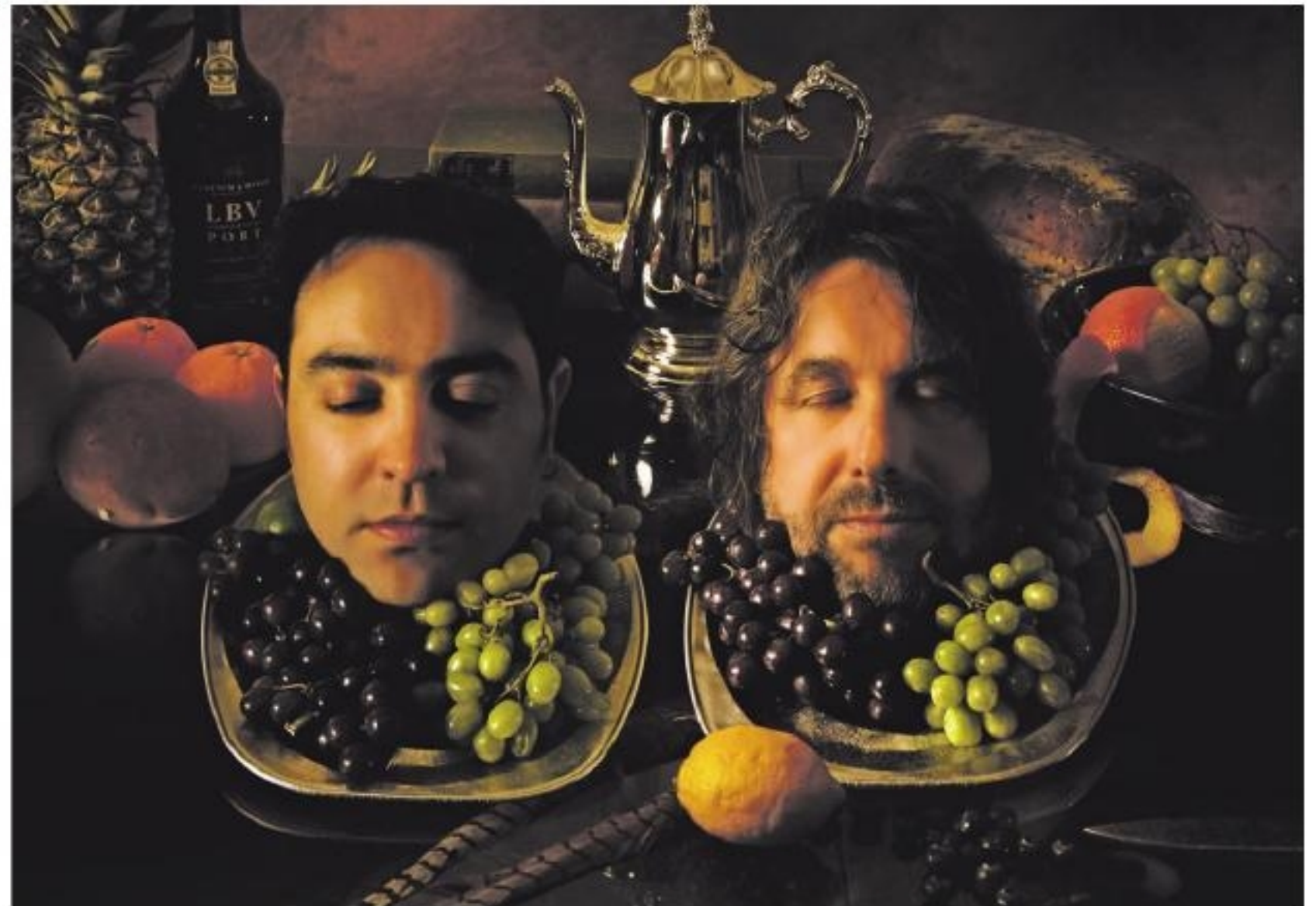
Paul S also revealed plans for a new album are well under way, but the trying to produce a new collection of tracks has come with a couple of problems.

"We've got some new material together for this tour, and are hatching plots for a new album next year," he said.

"However, one of our biggest problems is finding time to write or source material, as we are both busy with other projects."

The gig at the High Street venue will start at 8pm and tickets cost £13.

• Belshazzar's Feast Paul Sartin (left) and Paul Hutchinson (right)



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Thursday, December 17: What the papers say- highlights from all the local papers.

Friday, December 18: Susanna Hoe talks about her new book.

Monday, December 21: Pool player Connor Jones reveals his fundraising plans.

Tuesday, December 22: Dawn Capell tells us her ACCRETA story.

Wednesday, December 23: We give you the latest Oxfordshire news.

Talk Oxford, the interactive talk show starts at 7pm.

Thursday is business night with Beverley, Monday is all about food with Robin and Wednesday Emma-Jane talks about nutrition.

Fri, Dec 18, 7.30pm
The Beacon, Wantage

PURPLE CACTUS CHRISTMAS COMEDY CLUB

Our popular comedy night is back for a Christmas Comedy Special, then hit the dance floor at the disco! Perfect for an alternative Christmas Party; FREE bottle of Bubbly when you book 8 or more tickets.

Fri, Dec 18, 9pm
O2 Academy, Oxford

CRAIG CHARLES FUNK & SOUL CLUB

Legendary actor, host and BBC 6 Music broadcaster, Craig Charles, packs up his trunk of funk and hits the ones and twos with the very best funk and soul grooves.

Fri, Dec 18, 8pm
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Now an Oxford institution, expect music, mayhem and mirth from these vintage trouble makers.

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Sat, Dec 19, 11pm
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Sat, Dec 19, 6.30pm
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The Blast of Our Kind tour is a golden opportunity to see the band perform *Lact of Our Kind*, an album of unparalleled power. Those attending will be awestruck by the all-new material and downright delighted by their repertoire of ruddy great songs.

Sat, Dec 19, 8.30pm
The Glee Club, Oxford

COMEDY NIGHT

Jarred Christmas Tom Wriggleworth and Kevin McCarthy will bring final comedies to visit The Glee Club before Christmas. We combine all of our experience and talent to create the complete Christmas night out for you.

Sat, Dec 19 - Thu, Dec 24
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot

THE SNOW DRAGON

The Cornerstone are excited to announce their Christmas show for 2015 will be Tall Stories' magical tale, *The Snow Dragon*. Billy is a spoilt young goat whose parents give him everything he wants. The night the legendary Snow Dragon is meant to bring more goodies, Billy bumps into a pack of hungry wolves in the forest. How will he escape and has he been naughty or nice?

Sun, Dec 20, 7.30pm
Chipping Norton Theatre, Chipping Norton

PAN

The story of an orphan who is spirited away to the magical Neverland. There, he finds both fun and dangers, and ultimately discovers his destiny -- to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan. Flying galleons, and adventures galore star alongside Hugh Jackman (*Les Misérables*) and Rooney Mara (*Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Social Network*).

Sun, Dec 20, 8.30pm
The Dolphin, Wallingford

HIPPY HAZE

The Tribute Band to the Flower-Power Hippy era (1966 to 1969). You can expect to hear great music from bands and musicians such as The Kinks, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, The Monkeys, Jimi Hendrix and many more.

Sun, Dec 20, 6.30pm
Oxford Wine Café, Oxford

LIZZIE NEWBURY QUARTET

To finish off the year in style the Oxford Wine Café decided to bring back one of their favourite musicians in Lizzie Newbury with her quartet.

Expect to hear original tracks and festive tunes in the form of jazz.

Wed, Dec 23, 2pm and 7pm
The Beacon, Wantage

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Magical beans, a journey to an enchanted kingdom in the clouds, an evil giant, and some musical mayhem, *Jack and the Beanstalk* has all the ingredients of a classic panto.

Thu, Dec 31, 10pm
O2 Academy, Oxford

SWITCH NYE 2015/16 FT. SHY FX

2015 has been another huge one for SWITCH, and they'll be rounding it off with an unmissable New Year's Eve party, featuring another of their most popular headline acts, the mighty Shy FX and many more.

Sat, Jan 9, 8pm
O2 Academy, Oxford

QUADROPHENIA NIGHT

A club night dedicated to the iconic movie, don't miss live bands, live music from The Atlantic plus Drew Stancall, ex Saxophonist from The Specials/Prince Buster spinning the best in ska, two-tone, 60s, soul and mod!

Mon, Jan 11, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

SUNPOTS

Sunspots is a poetic, musical, and visual journey from the birth of the Sun, through its long and eventful life, towards its ultimate death. Is the Sun a god, a man, a woman, or simply a giant ball of hydrogen? Why does it tell fibs about its favourite painters? Is the Sun afraid of dying? Does it get depressed? And what does it really think about us? Simon Barron-Bush (cast in

residence, Mullard Space Science Laboratory) is your guide on a journey that mixes fact, fiction, horror, humour and joy into an exciting and moving experience getting to know our friendly neighbourhood star.

Tue, Jan 12 - Wed, Jan 13
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

ROVE

This new show from J. Fergus Evans (*My Heart is Hitchhiking Down Peachtree Street*) and Rhannon Armstrong is for anyone who has ever tried to untangle a family anecdote, or wished they knew more about where they came from.

Tue, Jan 12 - Sat, Jan 16
New Theatre, Oxford

GANGSTA GRANNY

The world premiere of David Williams' *Gangsta Granny* is coming to the stage in a national tour starting this winter and running throughout 2016. It is being staged by the Birmingham Stage Company, the acclaimed producers of *Horrible Histories*. It's Friday night and Ben knows that means only one thing - staying with Granny! There will be cabbage soup, cabbage pie and cabbage cake and Ben knows one thing for sure - it's going to be soooooo boring! But what Ben doesn't know is that Granny has a secret - and Friday nights are about to get more exciting than he could possibly imagine, as he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime with his very own *Gangsta Granny*!

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In 1971, a group of friends sail into a nuclear test zone, and their protest captures the world's imagination. Using never before seen archive that brings their extraordinary world to life, *How To Change The World* is the story of the pioneers who founded Greenpeace and defined the modern green movement.

Fri, Jan 15, 8pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

STEWART LEE

Back by popular demand, Stewart Lee returns to Oxford following previous sell-out visits with fresh material in preparation for his next BBC2 series of Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. A BAFTA and Comedy Award-winning comedian and writer, in this hilarious show Stewart is on spectacularly funny form as he deftly tries out his brand new material. See it live now weeks ahead of transmission.

Fri, Jan 15 - Sat, Jan 16
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RAPUNZEL

Come and let your hair down at Sinodun Players' traditional family panto which is filled to the brim with colourful characters. Audiences can boo, hiss, laugh, sing, clap, sneeze, quack and pat their heads whilst rubbing their tummies at the antics of good and bad witches, silly gnomes, courtiers and fairies. In the spotlight too will be the lovely Rapunzel and her dashing prince - plus Matilda, the theatre cleaner, who ends up in a starring role.

Fri, Jan 15, 8pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
ABBA REVIVAL

Abba Revival's renowned stage show proves a hit time and again, not just in the UK, but all over the world, wowing audiences across Europe and the Middle East. Enjoy a musical journey back to those heady pop-tastic disco days

when Abba ruled the dance floor and flamboyant stage costumes were all the rage.

Sat, Jan 16, 7.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

A brand new adaptation of Oscar Wilde's only novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, this superb production coincides with the 125th anniversary of its publication. Set in the decadent world of Victorian London, a handsome and narcissistic young man, Dorian Gray, becomes infatuated by the exquisite portrait that artist, Basil Hallward, has painted of him. He makes a Faustian pact that he will remain forever young while the picture grows old. Combining drawing-room comedy and gothic horror, this is a gripping and hugely entertaining theatrical event.

Sat, Jan 16, 8pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
OXJAMS

The Oxford Jazz Masters Series returns to the BT for an evening of exciting contemporary jazz sounds, featuring superb cellist Hannah Marshall.

A performer, composer, puppeteer and theatre-maker, Hannah regularly plays with The London Improvisers Orchestra, Luc Ex & Vervan Weston and the Trio of Uncertainty. A codirector of visual theatre specialists, The Dig Foundation, she has worked with a wide spectrum of artists of different kinds and is sure to impress audiences in dramatic style. At the BT, Hannah will be performing both solo and with the resident OXJAMS trio of George Haslam (reeds), Richard Leigh Harris (keyboard) and Steve Kershaw (bass).

Fri, Jan 22, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
BON GIOVI

Fronted by UK's leading Jon Bon Jovi impersonator Andrea Ojano, the band are a faithful tribute that have performed across the world for over a decade. The gig is a celebration of Bon Jovi's extensive musical career to date, featuring all the greatest hits such as 'Living On A Prayer', 'It's My Life', 'Wanted Dead or Alive', as well as many others from every album ever produced in one amazing stage show.

Fri, Nov 27 - Sun, Jan 10
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Fri, Jan 22, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
SONGS OF SEPARATION

For one night only Cornerstone will be home to the following incredibly talented female artists: Eliza Carthy, Karine Polwart, the Lady Mairery trio, Hannah James, Hazel Adew, Rowan Rheingans, ground-breaking Scottish musicians Mary Macmaster and Kate Young, international fiddler Hannah Read and a monster backline, Jenn Butterworth and Jen Hill.

Songs of Separation will perform outstanding new music which spans the traditions of both England and Scotland, and explores a broad and compelling theme.

Sat, Jan 16, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
DAUGHTER

Daughter celebrate their second album *Not To Disappear* (January 2016) and tour Europe to coincide with its release.

It's the follow-up to Daughter's extremely successful debut If You Leave, and was recorded over summer 2015 in New York with Nicolas Vernhes (Deerhunter, War On Drugs, Animal Collective) at his Rare Book Room studio in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

Sat, Jan 16, 7.30pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY CONCERT

Cornerstone is delighted to host, once again, the Chairman of the council's inaugural event of the year, in support of Dementia UK and The Rainbow Trust. If big band swing is your thing you'll love 'Swingtime'. They play the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Benny Goodman and many more.

George Haslam will direct a sumptuous 18-piece orchestra with vocalists Tara Watto, Fiona Semple and special guests Steve Waterman on trumpet, Steve Kershaw on double bass and Robin Jones on drums.

The concert is compered by Bill Rennells of BBC Radio Oxford.

Tue, Jan 19, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
THE JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW

The UK's No1 Tribute, fronted by respected singer/songwriter Olive John, with The Spirit Band, re-cre-

ate with astounding accuracy and truly capture the essence of what it was like to be at a real Cash show! Featuring Jill Ochoonjans as June Carter and two more talented ladies as the Carter Sisters, all aspects of Cash's life are covered with impeccable taste.

Tue, Jan 19, 2pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
MR HOLMES

Academy Award nominee Ian McKellen excels in the iconic role of Sherlock Holmes. It is 1947 and the world famous sleuth has retired to a remote Sussex farmhouse, living in relative anonymity with only his housekeeper Mrs Munro and her young son for company. Cantankerous, demanding and frustrated with the misrepresentation of him in Watson's best-selling novels, he diverts his attention to an unsolved case. As the mystery deepens, Sherlock tries desperately to recall the events of 30 years ago which ultimately led to his retirement.

Wed, Jan 20, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
CARMEN

Following their visit to the Oxford Playhouse with *La Traviata*, OperaUpClose return with their smash-hit English language production of Bizet's wildly popular *Carmen*. This "gut wrenching spectacular" (City A.M.) went down a storm with audiences and critics in London last summer.

Carmen captivates and provokes, disturbing the composure of everyone she encounters. Sparks fly when she meets Jose, but as her passion cools, his turns to obsession. Unable to control his feelings or the woman who inspired them, he descends into violence. But *Carmen* will not give up her freedom for anyone.

Thu, Jan 21 - Fri, Jan 22
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
JOSH WIDDICOMBE

Always a hugely popular performer at the Playhouse, Josh Widdicombe returns with his new stand-up show *What Do I Do Now?*

Described as "priceless" by the Times, Widdicombe's Channel 4 show *The Last Leg* has been nominated for numerous awards and won a Royal Television Society Award. Host of BBC Radio 5 Live's Saturday morning sport show *Fighting Talk*, as well as his own show on XFM, he also regularly

appears on *Mock the Week*, *OL*, *Live at the Apollo* and *Have I Got News for You*. His brand new sitcom, *Josh*, starts on BBC3 in November 2015.

Fri, Jan 22, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
REBECCA FERGUSON

Following in the footsteps of Billie Holiday and Diana Ross, singing superstar Rebecca Ferguson is back, showcasing her smoky vocals on her third album *Lady*. Singing the Blues and touring throughout the UK in January - February 2016.

This is a stunning reinterpretation including the best of Billie Holiday's classic songs, some of which featured on her iconic record of the same name.

Recorded at the world famous Capitol Studios in Los Angeles, Rebecca wanted to work there as it was where the legendary blues singer herself recorded.

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Please call for more information about our festive calendar, to discover our off peak dates by visiting browns-restaurants.co.uk/festive.

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What's on in OXFORDSHIRE | LISTINGS

Eliza Carthy, Karine Polwart, the Lady Maisery trio, Hannah James, Hazel Adew, Rowan Rheingans, ground-breaking Scottish musicians Mary Macmaster and Kate Young, international fiddler Hannah Read and a monster backline, Jenn Butterworth and Jen Hill.

Songs of Separation will perform outstanding new music which spans the traditions of both England and Scotland, and explores a broad and compelling theme.

Sat, Jan 23, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SHOWSTOPPER

With eight years as an Edinburgh Fringe must-see phenomenon, a BBC Radio 4 series and a recent critically acclaimed West End run at Chatterbox Avenue's Apollo Theatre to their name, plus performances at the Olivier Awards and West End Live, The Showstoppers have delighted audiences across the globe with their ingenious blend of comedy, musical theatre and spontaneity. So whether you fancy Gondheim on a ski lift or Cole Porter in Poundland - you suggest it and The Showstoppers will sing it!

Sat, Jan 23, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
**THE NOISE NEXT DOOR:
NOISE IN THE HOOD**
The unstoppable improv comedy

juggernaut that is The Noise Next Door are turning up the volume for their third national tour! The undisputed masters of off-the-cuff comedy take audience suggestions and transform them into fantastically funny scenes and songs in the blink of an eye. A perfect blend of ludicrous characters, witty one-liners, epic stories, and explosive physicality.

After a huge year for the guys with their eighth consecutive sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and appearances on BBC One, ITV2, BBC Three and BBC Radio One this show is set to be their biggest and best yet.

Sat, Jan 23, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
**HAL CRUTTENDEN -
STRAIGHT OUTTA CRUTTENDEN**

Host of Live At The Apollo and star of Radio 4, the great Hal is back ranting about the real evils of the modern world - over sharing on social media and the 5:2 diet. The more he complains the funnier he gets.

Sat, Jan 23, 9pm
The Falcon, Thame
DOGHOUSE
Oxfordshire based covers band DogHouse will be in Thame to warm up your Saturday night.

Sat, Jan 23, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
THE ROY ORBISON STORY
2016 marks Roy Orbison's 80th Birthday, and to mark this special year we are proud to present our brand new production across the UK.

This celebration of The Big O's musical legacy is quite simply unmissable as Barry Steele takes you on this specially revamped musical journey in time from the early sun years right through to the late 80's and also includes a special tribute to the time Roy spent with The Traveling Wilburys, & Bono.

Tue, Jan 26, - Sat, Jan 30
New Theatre, Oxford
**LAST NIGHT A DJ SAVED
MY LIFE**

It's the story of two generations colliding, as a badly behaved parent tries to control a wild child teenager!

This hilarious hit feat is also a touching father and daughter drama set against a background of sun, sea, sex, drugs and hits that take us back to the 80s and 90s when we wore denim overalls, girls had hair scrunchies and guys played Nintendo Game Boy. Think 'Mamma Mia' on speed! 'Friends' meets 'Ibiza Uncovered', with the soundtrack of our lives.

Wed, Jan 27 - Sat, Jan 30
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
RENT

Winning the Tony Award for Best Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Jonathan Larson's groundbreaking rock musical resonates as powerfully as ever. Inspired by Puccini's opera La Bohème, this smash hit captures the heart and spirit of a generation with its stirring music and life-affirming story. Rent is performed by Oxford University students in its 20th anniversary year.

Thu, Jan 28, 7.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
VIVA NEIL DIAMOND
Bob Drury, (The Neil Diamond Story) presents a new one-man show capturing the authentic sound of each decade. Bursting with Neil Diamond's best-loved classics including "Sweet Caroline", "Forever In Blue Jeans", "Love on the Rocks", "Song Sung Blue" and many more.

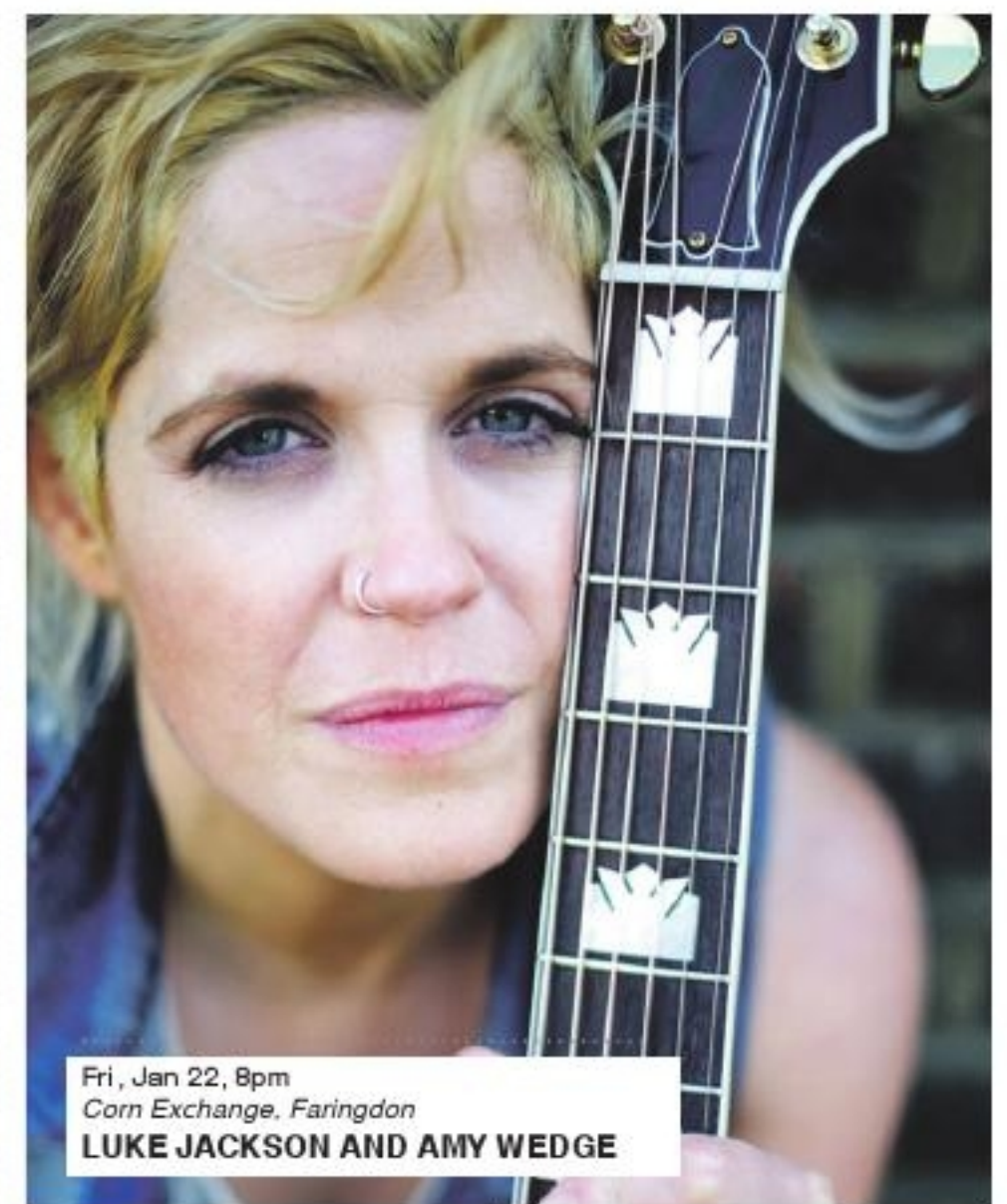
Thu, Jan 28, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
GRAFFITI CLASSICS
16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating for everyone, young and old. Graffiti Classics bursts the elitist boundaries of the traditional string quartet with its hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy show. It's a classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy set and a brilliant dance show all rolled into one! You will enjoy a broad spectrum of music from Beethoven to Bluegrass, Bach to Brahms, Strauss to Saturday Night Fever - all played with the Graffiti Classics virtuosity. There really is something for everyone and Graffiti Classics never fails to get audiences laughing, clapping and singing along.

Fri, Jan 29, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
RICHARD DIGANCE
Many people sing, play guitar and tell stories but not many have supported Steve Martin, Robin Williams or played a guitar duet with Brian May of Queen, Richard Digance has. He is not just a singer/guitarist, but one of the country's most celebrated comedy entertainers. This show brings more hysterically funny nostalgia and a wealth of new songs and anecdotes.

Fri, Jan 29, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
BIG NARSTIE + FEKKY

Sat, Jan 30, 7.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
ULTIMATE GENESIS
Los Endos captures all the excitement of a live Genesis gig, with three hours of scintillating musicianship and a state of the art light show. Throughout their progressive career, Genesis was regarded as one of the very best live rock bands. Los Endos recreates the visual magnitude and musical excellence of Genesis to deliver a truly memorable sound and light spectacular. This is the last chance to experience the band's highly acclaimed 2015 show which features a selection of Genesis' classic '70s album tracks and massive later hits.

Sat, Jan, 30, 6pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
**THE RUFF GUIDE TO
SHAKESPEARE**
Specially created to mark the 400th anniversary of his death, The Ruff Guide to Shakespeare is a glorious celebration of the work of the world's greatest playwright. Expect silly sketches, toe-tapping songs, daft dance routines and



Fri, Jan 22, 8pm
Corn Exchange, Faringdon
LUKE JACKSON AND AMY WEDGE

extracts from all the famous and some less well-known plays. The show is the perfect introduction to Shakespeare and to the Tudor England that gave birth to his writing.

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's trademark mix of crystal clear storytelling, live music and inventive staging brings new life and understanding to the beauty and power of Shakespeare's verse.

Sat, Jan 30, 8pm
Glee Club, Oxford
ROB ROUSE

Sun, Jan 31, 2pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
**FUNKY MONEY AND THE
JUICY FRUITS**

Jam packed with comedy, music, participation and puppetry, there's lots for children to love in this jungle adventure.

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It was part of a new film released by Land Rover, which sees the world-famous adventurer learn ice driving in Arjeplog.

Ben tackled the challenge of driving on ice with instruction from Land Rover's experience instructor and former rally champion, Minna Sillankorva.

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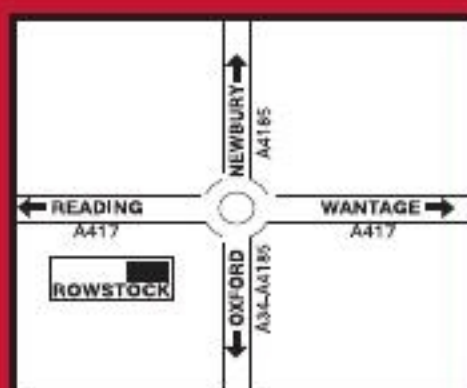
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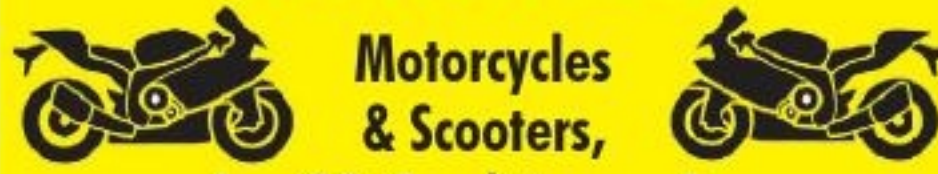
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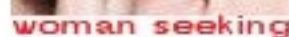
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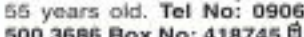
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• Kemar Roofe could be the difference for United against Wycombe? (picture by Steve Daniels)

Goals galore for Oxford in big wins

OXFORD Hockey Club enjoyed a terrific showing last Saturday as the men's 1's secured an emphatic 14-1 win over Staines' 2's in the MBBO Regional 1.

In their last game before the Christmas break, the men ran riot against a lowly side with Johnny Campbell notching five of the goals and Sean Cox bagging a hat-trick.

There was also a brace for Andy Wynd and goals for Nick Mayne, Dan Bleach and Brandon Lee as goalkeeper Callum Chapman played out-field for a period and scored one goal as well as providing two assists.

The win means Oxford are now second in the table, five points beyond Oxford Hawks' 2's.

For the men's 2's it was a weekend to forget as they were battered 4-1 by OMT's 1's with Martin James grabbing Oxford's goal.

The club's ladies' 1's didn't play but the 2's recorded a fantastic 6-0 win over Wokingham 1's with Niki Forecast grabbing a hat-trick, Beth Williamson securing a brace and Pip Horlock rounded out the scoring.

In other club results the men's 3's won 3-2 over OMT's 2's and the ladies' 3's conquered Witney's 2's 5-3.

U's double signing boosts squad for next season's big 'challenge'

OXFORD United Women's have continued their preparation for next season with a double signing.

Lauren Allison and Madison Lee have both agreed new deals with the U's with Allison having been with the club for over five years now.

Allison has also been a big part of Oxford's progress in reaching the second division in the Women's Super League whilst full-back Lee

has pushed herself into the club's first team over the last few campaigns.

Club manager, Les Taylor said following the signings: "We're starting to get the squad together and look strong for the challenge ahead."

He said of Allison: "Lauren is very versatile and works tremendously hard for the side and always a threat to the opposition."

Taylor said that Lee is a young player with 'bags of potential' and is regarded as one for the future.

He added: "We are still looking to strengthen and add depth to the squad and will be doing that right though the close season before everyone reports back for pre-season."

United finished in the campaign last season after a strong period of results with next season set to get underway in the new year.



• Oxford United's Les Taylor instructs players from the touchline (picture by Chris Janes)

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City director resigns in face of fraud charges

A FORMER director of Oxford City is facing fraud charges as he resigned from the Marston-based club due to ill health.

Thomas Guerriero resigned as director of the club last Wednesday, just two days before the US Department of Justice announced that he is to face fraud charges.

The Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) have brought charges of \$6.6m to Mr Guerriero and his US company

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Oxford City Football Club Inc, which has since had its assets frozen.

The SEC alleges Guerriero used 'pressure tactics' and a 'boiler room of salespeople' to raise more than \$6.5m from inexperienced investors who claim they were misled by Guerriero's claims that the company was worth millions.

Scott Friestad, associate

director of the SEC enforcement division, said: "Guerriero portrayed himself as one of the most powerful and influential CEO's in the history of Wall Street when he's really a penny stock fraudster mixing lies and verbal threats to line his own pocket with money from unsuspecting investors."

The SEC said Guerriero's company claimed to own an online university with students enrolled and projected profits of

\$495m over five years.

They also claimed that they would earn more than \$238m over five years from the football club.

Guerriero owned a minority interest in the Oxford City, which has never turned a profit since he became involved with the club in March 2013.

A club statement read: "Thomas Guerriero resigned as a director of Oxford City on Wednesday due to continuing

concerns about his health.

"Since his appointment to the board in 2013, he has worked tirelessly bringing sponsorship to the club.

"He has been seriously unwell for several months and has recently endured repeated surgery.

"The club thank him for his efforts and wish him a speedy and full recovery."

Oxford City FC are currently third in the Conference South.

Blues blast past Grove in 39-5 drubbing

WITNEY destroyed Grove in a local derby in the South West 1 East on Saturday with the Blues running away with a 39-5 win at Cane Lane.

In damp and overcast conditions Witney headed into the contest looking to cause damage to their Oxfordshire rivals.

Witney started the contest playing against the win and immediately secured two converted penalties through Henry Lamb to make the score 6-0.

All of a sudden, the Blues were cruising after Matt Clarke crossed the line for his first try which Lamb then converted.

George Lewis then cross over for their second try, which Lamb failed to convert but the Blues were cruising.

A fine break from Rhys Morgan gave Witney their third try of the day right on the scope of half-time, with Lamb kicking to make it 25-0.

Grove looked to head back into the contest and an assault was then broken down by Witney in their half before David Hyde went over for Grove.

The away side then lost Calum Godfrey to a yellow card but managed to defend their lead well and Joe Chilvers went over for another try.

The scoring was rounded out after a superb solo try from George Lane with the result taking Witney into third in the table.

United held by resurgent Carlisle

OXFORD United were uprooted from the top of League Two on Saturday after a Chey Dunkley own goal led to them drawing 1-1 with Carlisle United at the Kassam Stadium.

U's keeper Benji Buchel stopped them conceding the lead early on after he made superb saves from Carlisle's Charlie Wyke, Anthony Sweeney and Jabo Ibehre.

Joe Skarz woke United up with a piledriver of an effort from 20 yards on 24 minutes and Dunkley headed wide two minutes later.

United then took the lead on 33 minutes with a sweeping pass from John Lundstram resulting in a barrelling run from George Baldock to cut it in for Alex MacDonald to drive home.

The Yellows' lead did not last long however as they failed to clear when Skarz was in the area and the left-back's effort was knocked back into the net by Dunkley.

Wyke should have given Carlisle a deserved lead straight after the half-time whistle with the striker firing over from just eight yards out.

Carlisle were looking more and more dangerous but United had their own chances with Chris Maguire slamming a free-kick off the left hand post.

Kemar Roofs was then very unlucky not to grab the winner after his header of a Maguire cross cannoned off the crossbar.



• Alex MacDonald celebrates after scoring United's winner (picture by Steve Daniels)

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New signing

FOOTBALL: Oxford City have secured the signing of former Oxford United defender Matt Bevans (pictured).

The fullback signed for United back in July 2013 but was released over the summer by the U's.

Meanwhile, City beat Ebbsfleet United 3-1 in the first round of the FA Trophy on Saturday.



United beaten

FOOTBALL: Abingdon United fell to a 2-0 win to Hellenic Premier League leaders Flackwell Heath at Wilks Park last Saturday.

The results means United dangerously hover above the relegation places in 18th having played seven games more than Bracknell Town the team below them who they face on Saturday.

New coach ready for 'challenge'

WANTAGE Town's new manager has spoken of the 'challenging' couple of months for his side that has seen them change manager and hover just above the relegation zone.

Stuart Cattell took the reins from Daniel Barry after he departed the club last month following a run of poor results.

The manager, who has been at the club for six years, also plays as a defender for the club and captains the side.

Since Cattell was given the role, his side have suffered seven defeats and two wins but the 27-year-old is confident that the club can turn around their form next year.

He told the Guardian: "It's been quite a challenging couple of months for us and we've had a lot really to get on with as we need to focus on the squad."

"Since I took the role I've wanted to help out and show that I've had the experience to prove my loyalty to the club and get us through these difficult times."

"It's been a very tricky task to go from playing to being a manager and we really need to focus on fixing our own game."

On Tuesday night, Wantage Town were beaten 4-0 by Tiverton Town at Alfridian Park leaving them 20th.

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Dark Blues make it six in a row

OXFORD extended their winning rugby run over Cambridge at Twickenham last Thursday in a 12-6 win on a momentous day.

The Blues put in a resounding performance in 134th Varsity match in which Oxford secured their 61st victory in total, only two victories behind their fierce rivals.

Oxford's winning run is the longest since the 90s in which

Cambridge won five times from 1994 to 1998.

It is also the second year running that Cambridge have failed to cross the Oxford line with the light blues grabbing their points from two penalties.

Fly-half George Cullen was Oxford's main man as he kicked all of the Dark Blues' points in a tense encounter that was broadcast live on the BBC.

Oxford had to contend with a

nightmarish start in which captain Henry Lamont was forced off after just four minutes.

Cullen grabbed his first penalty in the 13th minute before Don Stevens equalised the scores with a penalty of his own on 25 minutes.

The Light Blues then grabbed their second penalty just before the hour mark with another Stevens penalty causing Oxford to hit back but Matt Geiger

couldn't control a pass by the try line and fell into a heap.

A Cullen penalty then brought the scores level on 67 minutes before Oxford went in front with another three-pointer with six minutes to go.

Cullen then put the game beyond doubt with his fourth penalty with a minute to go to finish off Cambridge and secure the win, sparking rapturous celebration from fans.

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The game kicks off from 3pm at Adams Park on Saturday.



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